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▶ Boston's Dennis Seidenberg and Vancouver's Keith Ballard battle for the puck last night in Game 4 of the Stanley Cup final in Boston. Boston blanked Vancouver 4-0 to tie the best-of-seven series 2-2.

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Stanley is now even-Steven

Police warn drivers about challenging squeegee kids

Newmarket man attacked at Queen Street West and Spadina Avenue Monday

Toronto police are advising motorists to stay in their cars and not confront squeegee kids in the aftermath of an attack that sent one man to hospital.

The incident began Monday when the victim stopped his car at an intersection and a man with a squeegee started cleaning his windshield. Police say words were exchanged and the driver was allegedly called a derogatory name.

When the victim got out of the vehicle and ordered the man to stop cleaning the windshield, he was allegedly hit on the head a number of times, opening wounds that had to be treated in hospital.

Jason Ortiz, 23, of no fixed address is charged with assault with a weapon.

"Stay in your cars and take down a description of the person and make note of his actions, and call police, but don't get out of your car."
TORONTO POLICE CONST. TONY VELLA

Although this type of incident is rare, police say they do get complaints about squeegee kids and panhandlers.

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Toronto breaks heat record set back in 1950

Despite the wilting weather, Environment Canada said relief is on the way A cold front sweeping through will bring cooler temperatures today

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Teenagers play football in the water at Sunnyside Beach yesterday as the temperature reached 33 C.

Toronto and other southern Ontario communities sizzled as records were shattered from Ottawa to Windsor, and heat and humidity warnings were issued in major urban areas yesterday.

Toronto's high was 33.3 C, breaking the record of 32.2 C from 1950. With humidex values in the 40s, most of southern Ontario was hot, hazy and humid. Smog and heat advisories were in effect for several areas.

In Windsor, the temperature hit 35.1 C, topping the record of 34.1 C for June 8, set in 2008. Ottawa and London both reached 33 C, smashing records set in 1959.

Yesterday afternoon, some areas north and east of Toronto were under severe thunderstorm watches. In parts of eastern and central Ontario, thousands were without power, thanks to the wicked weather.

Environment Canada had reports of "significant storms" in the southern part of Haliburton County and the Kawartha Lakes area, said meteorologist Geoff Coulson.

Reports of tornadoes in the Minden Hills area near Peterborough could not be immediately confirmed, he said.

However, damage has been reported in that area of central Ontario and winds gusting to 120 km/h ripped through the region.

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Tornado warning

1. Early yesterday, Environment Canada issued a tornado warning for Hamilton, and Emergency Management Ontario issued a red alert for the area.
2. There was no confirmation of a tornado strike, but the weather agency said it was a possibility.

Storms knock out power to thousands

While we're sweltering in the GTA, much of Ontario is seeing stormy weather that has knocked out power in more than 70,000 homes.

Environment Canada has also been hearing second- and third-hand reports of possible tornadoes touching down.

A spokeswoman with Hydro One said a storm around midnight Tuesday disabled power in about 18,000 homes in areas including Owen Sound, Guelph, Dundas and Walkerton. There are 30 broken hydro poles in Walkerton alone, and Hydro One worked on restoration throughout the day yesterday.

But a new storm front moved yesterday afternoon, affecting areas from Muskoka to Ottawa.

About 16,000 people are in the dark in Peterborough, 12,000 in Belleville, 13,000 in Tweed, 8,000 in Orillia and Muskoka, and thousands more in Minden and Fenelon Falls.

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Lightning delay

1. Karen Stintz, TTC chair and city councillor, posted on her Twitter account that an early-morning lightning strike at the Wilson subway yard knocked out the signal between Wilson and Downsview stations, which caused TTC to lose the ability to control routing remotely.

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A dash of neon in city's red tape

Coun. Adam Vaughan wants to see a city database of spontaneous art Could comprise walking tour, he says

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▶ Caroline MacFarlane transformed an abandoned bike into a piece of public art. After a removal order was placed on it, MacFarlane blogged about it.

A temporary ceasefire has been reached in the war on creativity.

A contraband neon bike on the Dundas Street West front is still locked to a bike ring, even though it was scheduled for removal Monday by city officials.

A little more than a week ago, Caroline Macfarlane, 25, painted a long-abandoned Raleigh bike a brilliant shade of orange. Although the bike had been rusting for months, the orange paint job preceded a reckoning, and two days later, city officials issued a removal order.

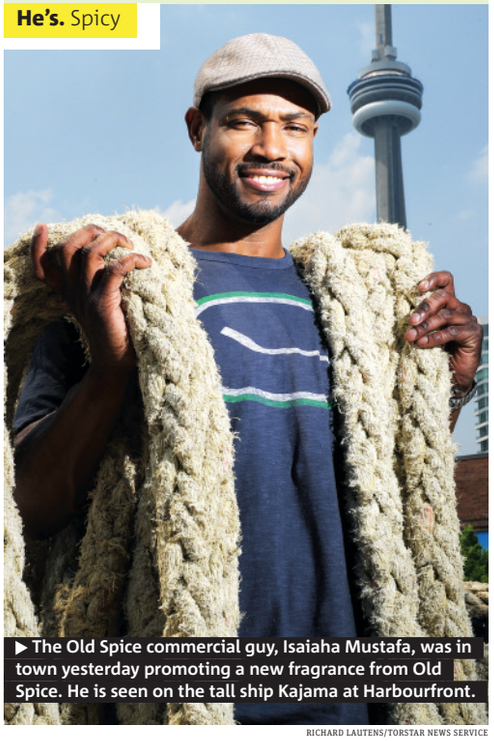
Coun. Adam Vaughan called the removal order another blow in the "war on creativity."

Macfarlane said this week that she has been assured by Vaughan's office the bike will not be moved until the issue is resolved.

Angie Antoniou of Transportation Services wrote in an email that discussions are ongoing between the city and the bike's backers.

"In the meantime, the bike will remain," she wrote. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

He's. Spicy



▶ The Old Spice commercial guy, Isaiaha Mustafa, was in town yesterday promoting a new fragrance from Old Spice. He is seen on the tall ship Kajama at Harbourfront.

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The man your man could smell like

Artist will likely get another shot

Joel Richardson spent 30 hours on the mathematical formula, incorporating Morse code symbols and grim-faced businessmen to paint a Dupont Street underpass. A resident complained to the city that it was political and — incorrectly — that it depicted Stephen Harper.

The city covered up the mural, now admitting Richardson got the grant, but says other needed approvals were not obtained, and the mural was different from a submitted sketch. The artist agrees, saying he thought he had free rein with his message.

The episode exposed the fact the city has no database of authorized murals.

Richardson recently received news he will probably get to paint a new mural on the railway underpass west of Lansdowne Avenue. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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Search intensifies in fatal gas-and-dash

Cops following up on Ontario cars matching suspect vehicle Man died trying to stop non-paying driver

Drive a Nissan Altima? Police will be coming around and asking questions unless you give them a call.

Everyone in Ontario who owns a 2002 to 2006 model of the sedan will be contacted under an intense police investigation now underway to find the driver responsible for a deadly gas-and-dash theft.

"We will find you," Peel Traffic Services Insp. Robert Orr said yesterday at a news conference at Peel Regional Police headquarters in Brampton.

Hashem Atifeh Rad, 62, died from injuries after he struck his head on the road when he tried to prevent a motorist from driving away without paying from a Mississauga Petro-Canada gas station May 19.

Based on eyewitness accounts, police believe the person was driving a 2002-2006 four-door, gold or beige coloured Nissan Altima.

"There are over 2,000 vehicles that match this suspect vehicle description registered in Ontario," Orr said.

"Our investigators will be following up on each and every one of them."

Investigators have already contacted some of the owners and ruled them out. They're asking others to contact police.

"If you think you may be the driver, we encourage you to contact a lawyer and come forward," Orr said.

Police also want anybody with information to call the Major Collision Bureau or anonymously call Crime Stoppers.

Det. Craig Wattier didn't know how long it would take to track all owners but said officers wouldn't stop until they discovered the person responsible.

Police said eyewitnesses also reported seeing the driver conceal his licence plates moments before arriving at the gas station on Southdown Road at Truscott Drive at about 4:55 p.m. Eyewitnesses also said the vehicle was last seen heading east on the Queen Elizabeth Way.

The driver is described as a black man, about 20 to 30 years of age.

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Puppy. Love

▶ Marcie Laking, new president of the Toronto Humane Society, with Kong, who was adopted by her father, and Tiny, one of her two adopted cats, in the background.

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New head at the humane society

The Toronto Humane Society has a new president. Marcie Laking is the first person to start out as a teenage volunteer at the society and rise to the position of president. Laking says she's "honoured and thrilled" to be leading the society.

Police seek statue

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This copper statue of a Buddhist deity was stolen from a family plot in Oakville's Glen Oaks Memorial Gardens cemetery. Thieves are increasingly targeting copper and bronze items to sell for scrap because the price of the metals is rising.

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News in brief

Acquitted man gunned down

SHOT. Did Keith Brissett Jr. spend the last six years looking over his shoulder after he was acquitted in 2005 of killing a neighbourhood rival?

Peel homicide detectives aren't saying if the Mississauga man's slaying Tuesday night was linked to the court verdict, when he was found not guilty of killing a longtime acquaintance and trying to shoot another man in 2003.

But the 32-year-old man was gunned down in Malton. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Doll used as passenger in carpool lane

CHARGED. Provincial police say a 51-year-old Burlington man's passenger was a doll — literally.

Officers received a tip yesterday morning that a man was driving alone in a carpool lane with a mannequin in the passenger's seat.

Officers located the black SUV on the eastbound Queen Elizabeth Way in Oakville.

The man is charged with two offences relating to the improper use of the high occupancy vehicle lanes. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Culinary event in its 21st year

CHEFS. Second Harvest is gearing up for its culinary fundraiser, Toronto Taste, now in its 21st year. The event will showcase 60 top Toronto chefs, offering wines, premium beers and delectable dishes at the Royal Ontario Museum. Tickets cost $250 each at torontotaste.ca or by calling 416-408-2594.

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TTC eyes cuts before hikes

Transit commission expects costs of running system to climb by $71.2M next year Higher diesel prices will account for about $31M

The Toronto Transit Commission will consider whether it can serve more riders with fewer TTC workers before it contemplates fare hikes and service cuts to solve an $85-million operating budget shortfall next year.

"There is a sense in the public we can do our work better. We need to respond to that," TTC chair Karen Stintz said after councillors on the transit commission took a first look at the financial challenges the system faces in 2012.

That "sense" extends to management and unionized TTC employees, she said.

This summer the TTC, like other city departments, will undergo a core service and efficiency review. It will be fall before transit officials decide whether to make riders pay more or cut some service — something that drew fierce protest earlier this year when the TTC dropped some of its least-used bus routes on evenings and weekends.

"That's their answer to everything: Cut, cut, cut," said Amalgamated Transit Union president Bob Kinnear. "There are 1.5 million people out there that would disagree with cutting us, particularly service."

He criticized Stintz for failing to speak to frontline transit workers.

"I think we have a number of ideas in which they can find efficiencies," Kinnear said, citing no specifics.

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$300M

The budget report did not incorporate the cost of a new contract with the TTC's 10,000 unionized staff. If the TTC workers, now considered an essential service, were to get the same contract provisions as the police did recently, it could cost the transit system an extra $300 million.

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▶ The TTC's preliminary budget report called for hiring 128 people next year, positions transit officials say are needed to maintain service for ridership growth of 15 million next year.

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Success rate in Ontario Grade 10 literacy test slides 1 per cent

Eighty-three per cent of Grade 10 students in Ontario who took the standardized literacy test for the first time last March passed.

The Education Quality and Accountability Office says the success rate was down one percentage point from last year and two points from the year before.

A total of 143,246 students wrote the Grade 10 test for the first time this year.

It's the first year officials were able to track students' progress through three provincial tests — from Grades 3, 6 and 10.

Officials say 104,030 students who took the test had been in the Ontario school system for the provincial tests in Grade 3 and Grade 6.

Eleven per cent of the students in that group who failed also failed the reading and writing standard in Grades 3 and 6.

The group's chair, Brian Desbiens, says there must be renewed efforts to identify and support students who are having difficulty in school as early as possible.

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Hudak pledges to cut hydro debt charge

On bills since 2002 Tory leader makes campaign speech in Ottawa

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It's been a line on your hydro bill since 2002 — and now it's also an election issue.

Ontario Progressive Conservative Leader Tim Hudak delivered a campaign speech at the Canadian Club of Ottawa yesterday, condemning the leadership of Premier Dalton McGuinty and promising to kill the debt retirement charge

"If there is one thing that underlines everything wrong with the current government, it is the debt retirement charge," Hudak said, referring to the 0.7 cents per kilowatt hour charge on most hydro bills that goes to pay down debt left over from the restructuring of Hydro One in 1999.

Hudak said the debt principal was paid in full by 2010, but instead of the charge being removed, it was extended to 2018.

"Can you imagine if a bank did this to you as a credit card customer?" he said. "They'd go to jail."

Energy Minister Brad Duguid claims Hudak has his numbers wrong, and about $14 billion of that debt still remains.

"This debt was built up by the Tories, through their years in office, through their mismanagement, and now he thinks through hocus pocus he can just make it go away," Duguid said, adding that more money than just the debt retirement charge has gone to paying off the debt, and the interest on it, since the Liberals took office.

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▶ Farmer Mario Walter mulches thousands of lettuce heads yesterday in Nieder-Erlenbach, Germany, near Frankfurt.

Tests verify E. coli link

◗ Ontario man consumed local produce in Germany ◗ Canada's first case linked to deadly outbreak in Europe ◗ At least 26 dead, 2,700 sickened

The Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care said laboratory tests verified that a man from Peel Region has the E. coli 0104 strain.

Ministry spokesman Andrew Morrison said no other cases linked to the European outbreak have been identified in Canada.

The man, who returned to Canada at the end of May, is out of hospital and continues to recover. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Couple charged in alleged servitude case

A Vancouver couple has been charged after a woman was allegedly brought from Hong Kong and forced to work for the family in slave-like conditions.

Const. Jana McGuinness of the Vancouver Police Department said the 38-year-old Filipino woman was made to work seven days a week and at all hours of the day and night to care for the family.

Const. McGuinness said the woman's passport had allegedly been confiscated after she came to Canada in 2008 and she feared going to authorities because she thought she'd be deported.

Police said the case came to light a year ago when officers were called to a home on an unrelated matter and discovered a young woman living there who was illegally in the country on an expired visitor visa.

The Filipino woman at the centre of the case remains in Canada for now.

Oi Ling Nicole Huen and Franco Yiu Kwan Orr are charged with organizing illegal entry into Canada under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act and are scheduled to make their first court appearance June 22. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Assault charge against activist withdrawn

The Crown has withdrawn an assault charge laid earlier this year against Caledonia, Ont., activist Gary McHale.

Provincial police charged McHale following a late February demonstration in Caledonia after receiving two complaints.

In a Cayuga, Ont., court Tuesday, the Crown withdrew the charge saying there was no prospect of a conviction. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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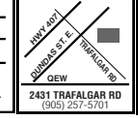

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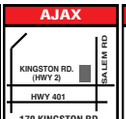

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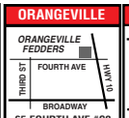

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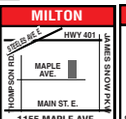

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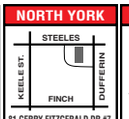

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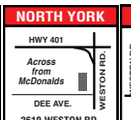

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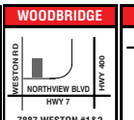

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ELEPHANTS TEAR

- One man dead, several injured
- Human encroachment blamed

Two wild elephants killed a man and injured several others on a rampage in southern India.

New Delhi Television aired footage yesterday that showed the body of a man at the feet of one of the animals in the city of Mysore in Karnataka state.

State forestry department officials said the animals walked into the city from a nearby forest, leaving residents running for their lives.

One elephant barged into a women's college compound and wandered the grounds, while the other left a trail of destruction in a residential area.

Press Trust of India reported that forest rangers and officials from Mysore Zoo later tranquilized and captured the animals.

Schools and colleges in the city were closed all day yesterday and extra police were deployed as a precaution.

A 55-year-old man who left his house in the Bamboo Bazaar area of Mysore after hearing the commotion was trampled to death, news reports said.

Hundreds of people die every year in India when wild animals wander into cities as their habitats shrink and they have to range farther for food. The nation's parks face massive encroachment from people who live and forage in the forests or graze cattle there.

Officials said the two captured elephants would be released back into the wild.

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▶ A wild elephant attacks a vehicle in the southern Indian city of Mysore yesterday, sending pedestrians running. Officials said the elephants wandered into the city from a nearby forest. They were later tranquilized and captured for release back into the wild.

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The treatment is offered free every June by the Goud family on a day chosen by astrologers. The family says it received the secret formula from a Hindu saint about 170 years ago.

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CORNERED GADHAFI

Misrata is the only large rebel-held city in western Libya

Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi, increasingly cornered by a stunning upturn in NATO airstrikes, lashed back yesterday with renewed shelling of the western city of Misrata, killing 10 rebel fighters.

The international alliance said it remained determined to keep pounding Gadhafi forces from the air, but would play no military role in the transition to democratic rule.

In Brussels, NATO secretary general Anders Fogh Rasmussen said Gadhafi's days in power were clearly numbered, making it imperative for the international community and the UN to gear up to help Libyans establish a new form of government.

"For Gadhafi, it is no longer a question of if he goes but when he goes," Fogh Rasmussen said.

"We do not see a lead role for NATO in Libya once this crisis is over. We see the United Nations playing a lead role in the post-Gadhafi, post-conflict scenario."

The Libyan rebels, too, have made it clear they have no wish to see alliance ground forces in the country once the conflict is over.

But they remain grateful for NATO intervention and applaud the stepped-up alliance bombing campaign, a record 66 strike sorties Tuesday over Tripoli and environs.

"We're very glad that NATO is carrying out the actions, and it is a matter of time," said rebel spokesman Jalal el-Gallal in Benghazi, the de facto rebel capital.

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▶ Libyan officials say the Hadba agricultural area outside Tripoli was hit by NATO bombs Tuesday night. NATO airstrikes have thundered down on the capital region for the past few days.

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LASHES BACK

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Court probes rape allegations

Viagra-type drugs may have been given to Libyan soldiers to promote the rape of women during the current conflict, the chief prosecutor of the International Criminal Court says.

Luis Moreno Ocampo said yesterday that he is collecting evidence on rapes and has become "more convinced" that Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi decided to punish women in the civil war by using rape as a weapon of fear and control. Witnesses have confirmed the Libyan government was buying containers of Viagra-type drugs "to enhance the possibility to rape," he said. "We are trying to see who was involved."

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Uncivil war

- **The UN Security Council** voted on Feb. 26 to refer the Libyan crisis to the International Criminal Court, the world's permanent war crimes tribunal.
- **On May 16, Luis Moreno** Ocampo asked judges to issue arrest warrants for Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi, his son Seif al-Islam Gadhafi and intelligence chief Abdullah al-Sanoussi, accusing them of targeting civilians in the conflict.
- **Judges are evaluating the** evidence. If the warrants are issued, Moreno Ocampo said he may add the charge of rape.

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Navotas City. Philippines

▶ A woman carries her daughter on a flooded street after picking her up from school yesterday in suburban Navotas City, north of Manila, Philippines. Parts of the low-lying ground in the area are flooded due to the rain.

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Wading through the water

Lightning sends 77 to hospitals

Hospital officials say they were sent 77 soldiers who were near a lightning strike at Camp Shelby in southern Mississippi.

Forrest County General Hospital officials did not have information about their conditions. A spokeswoman for the base said there were no fatalities and all personnel were responsive and stable after the strike yesterday.

Maj. Deidre Musgrave said those hurt were Air Force cadets. They were being taken to the hospitals for examination after the lightning strike at about 2 p.m. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Harper donor list gets hacked

Twitter account LulzRaft claims journalists were off line suggesting enmity toward the Conservatives

The federal Conservatives are confirming that information about party contributors was downloaded by the hackers who pranked the prime minister this week.

Party spokesman Fred DeLorey issued a statement today saying data containing names, addresses and email addresses of donors was taken.

He said no "useful" credit card information was accessed, but in some cases, the first four and last four digits of credit cards were compromised.

On Tuesday, a hacker or hackers broke into the Tory website security system and posted a false alert that

"The dots connected by the media are imaginary. No discrimination by party ... we just don't like politicians."
LULZRAFT TWEET

Stephen Harper had been rushed to a Toronto hospital after choking on a hash brown.

The notice sent journalists scurrying to confirm the rumour, which proved to be a hoax.

DeLorey insisted Tuesday that the party's database and email systems were not affected by the hack.

That seemed to be taken as a taunt by the hackers, who go by the Twitter account LulzRaft.

"The Conservatives said no contributor data was accessed ... I wonder where this sample came from then!" LulzRaft tweeted yesterday morning, attaching a list of 5,631 contributors and their email addresses.

DeLorey said that although much of the information is available on the Elections Canada site, the party intends to contact people whose data was taken.

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▶ Yasuko and Tommy Watanabe wear homemade Stanley Cups in Vancouver yesterday.

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A large number of homemade Stanley Cups are popping up (prematurely) around the city. They come in varying degrees of elegance: From cardboard cutouts to duct-tape-and-tinfoil constructs to silver spray-painted nut-and-bolt numbers that are proudly held up in pubs and at street-viewing parties.

Others have created little foil Stanley Cup caps. One overachiever honked his way past our office with a massive six-foot cup planted in the bed of his pickup.

YouTube is full of examples of how to make your own using everything from water coolers to mini kegs. We made ours with a six-gallon wine-juice bucket for the base, a margarine and cream cheese container for the neck, and a cheap metal bowl for the cup.

We stuck it together with duct tape and swathed our Frankencup in foil. It didn't look too bad. JEFF HODSON IS MANAGING EDITOR OF METRO VANCOUVER

PM attends Game 4

In the NHL season of the head shot, Prime Minister Stephen Harper should have seen this one coming.

The Conservative leader was at TD Garden last night as the Bruins tried to even their best-of-seven series with the Vancouver Canucks in Boston.

But word of Harper's flight to Beanrown with his daughter Rachel and Heritage Minister James Moore on a government jet had opposition critics stepping up to the Tory blueline to lower the boom.

Opposition MPs were incensed that Harper — who used to rail about government abuse of its executive jets — was flying to Boston on the taxpayers' dime for a hockey game even as his government is on a mission to slash some $4 billion per year in fat from federal programs and services.

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▶ Two Canadian soldiers carry the memorial stone of Lt. Justin Boyes, who died Oct. 28, 2009, in a homemade bomb attack. Memorial stones signifying the deaths of 72 soldiers were buried yesterday in a ceremony in Ma'sum Ghar, Afghanistan.

Soldiers honoured

- Names of dead soldiers read out during ceremony
- Markers personalized with drawings and flags

A symbol of Canadian sacrifice, etched into the hillside of an operating base in Kandahar for nearly four and a half years, is being left in Afghanistan as the end of Canada's combat mission draws ever nearer.

The Maple Leaf rock mural at Ma'sum Ghar started as a tribute to five soldiers killed during the battle of Pashmul, known as Operation Medusa.

Throughout the years, the memorial has grown to honour additional casualties. A total of 59 stones, representing 72 soldiers who operated out of Ma'sum Ghar, were buried in a trench at the base of the memorial yesterday in a sunset ceremony staged by members of the Royal 22e Regiment battle group.

"It's just evidence of how close our army is; how small it is," said Capt. Joshua Robbins, who knew three of the soldiers and the family of a fourth.

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Quebec minister defends police

- Bystander killed in latest shooting incident
- Anti-cop protest march planned for last night

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▶ Robert Dutil

Montreal police are not gun-happy, says the Quebec government.

The province's public safety minister came to the defence of the police force as it fell under heavy scrutiny, finding itself the subject of national news coverage.

The force has been involved in several shooting incidents this year. In the latest, Tuesday, officers opened fire and killed a homeless man who was allegedly wielding a knife in downtown Montreal.

The shots also struck and killed an innocent bystander, a 36-year-old hospital employee on his way to work.

Public Security Minister Robert Dutil says only 60 police officers — out of 15,000 across Quebec — ever fire a weapon in an average year.

"So it happened (with) only one of 200 policemen each year," Dutil told reporters in Quebec City.

"A police officer in his career is very unlikely to have fired a gun. What I'm trying to say is there's no pattern."

Dutil said there may be changes to the procedure involving police investigations. The government is awaiting a report into the 2008 police shooting of teenager Fredy Villanueva and may then proceed with changes.

Quebec's current protocol is to have one police force investigate another whenever someone is injured in an operation. This model has come under fire because, detractors say, it lacks transparency and favours the officer under investigation.

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▶ A supporter of Syrian President Bashar Assad holds up a sign against Qatar's Emir Hamad Bin Khalifa Al Thani in Damascus, Syria, yesterday.

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Syrian troops move north

Thousands of elite troops led by President Bashar Assad's brother converged yesterday on a restive northern area, a resident and a Syrian activist said.

Man killed for money: Wife

Leonard Schell had 28 wounds on his body, attorney general's office says in list of facts ◐ Latest in a list of Canadians killed or injured in Mexico

The wife of a Canadian man who was stabbed to death in Mexico says he was killed simply for cash.

Leonard Schell, a 62-year-old father of two originally from Penticton, B.C., died May 30 in the resort town of Puerto Vallarta.

He had moved to the city six years ago, and later married Mexican Elba Ruiz. He ran a satellite installation company called Aim it Right, and the couple lived in a neighbourhood popular with ex-pats.

"It's terrible, terrible. This doesn't happen to normal people. It's because they wanted to steal money," Ruiz told The Canadian Press, her voice breaking.

"I had gone out for an hour and 10 minutes with my boys, and found him ... Oh God, it's so sad, so terrible."

Ruiz said she left the house at around 10 a.m. on what was an "unusual" day. Her sons didn't have school that day and had gone out to play, and she had left to meet with one of their teachers.

When she returned home, she found a trail of blood which she thought might have been from her dog. She followed the blood to the second floor, where she found her husband on the floor next to the home office.

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No death sentence for Canadian in Iran: Report

Canadian resident arrested in Iran in October 2008 Will remain in jail during judicial review of his case

Iran's supreme court has reportedly quashed the death sentence for a Canadian resident.

Saeed Malekpour, a 35-year-old web programmer, was facing execution on charges of developing and promoting porn websites.

His supporters, including his wife who now lives in Richmond Hill, said he was arrested in Iran in October 2008 after a trip to visit his ailing father.

Published reports said the death sentence for him now has been quashed.

His wife, Fatima Eftekhari, told Britain's Guardian newspaper that the court decision is a "sigh of relief" and she is "very pleased that his life is finally saved."

The Department of Foreign Affairs in Ottawa says it is aware of reports Malekpour's sentence has been commuted.

"Officials are working to confirm or deny this report," Foreign Affairs wrote in a email.

"Unfortunately, there is limited scope for direct intervention in this case since the person involved is not a Canadian citizen."

Malekpour was born in Iran but became a permanent Canadian resident in 2004.

Defence lawyers said the conviction was quashed after they provided the court with expert evidence, said the Guardian newspaper. Malekpour is to remain in jail while a judicial review into his case is held.

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Conviction

- Saeed Malekpour was convicted of designing and moderating adult materials online although his family said he was a web programmer whose photo uploading software was used by a porn website without his knowledge.

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Saeed Malekpour

New standard for Net

Global test combats shortage of Internet addresses Facebook and Google expected that the majority of their users would not be affected

If Google or Facebook seemed to load a little slower than normal for you yesterday, it probably wasn't your imagination.

Yesterday was World IPv6 Day, a global test of a new standard designed to thwart the looming shortage of Internet addresses.

The previous standard, IPv4, made room for 4.3 billion addresses — not the www-type, but numerical identifiers that enable devices to communicate with one another online.

Billions of addresses seemed like more than enough when the system was implemented in the 1980s. But experts say those addresses could run out sometime this year and have been pushing the world to adopt the new system.

The new IPv6 standard can handle 340 undecillion addresses, or 340,282,366,920,938,463,374,607,431,768,211,456, to be exact.

Some of the web's biggest superpowers, including Google, Facebook and Yahoo!, were among the sites participating.

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Canada's players

- The Canadian Internet Registration Authority, the British Columbia government and CANARIE, Canada's advanced research and education networks, are among those participating in the test.

Sales. Slump

▶ Clerks wait for their transportation at a car dealer in Shanghai yesterday. Foreign automakers are seeing mixed sales trends as the world's biggest market for new vehicles cools after years of growth.

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Cash for China's clunkers

China announced yesterday that it will pay up to nearly $2,800 for old scrap vehicles to boost sales that slumped by about 14 per cent in May.

Rogers to speed up its network

Rogers Communications Inc. will launch its new, faster network in Ottawa this summer, giving consumers a mobile broadband experience similar to home or at work.

Rogers said yesterday that the Long-Term Evolution (LTE) network will also be rolled out in Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver this year and in 25 other markets next year.

Customers will have to buy data sticks for devices such as laptops. Rogers' LTE network will have speeds that are three to four times faster than its existing most advanced network.

The global wireless industry is moving to LTE technology, ideal for data-centric activities like streaming video, watching TV and listening to music.

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Canadian roaming fees high: Report

A new OECD report suggests Canadians are paying some of the highest prices in the world for roaming data usage.

Pricing for 68 operators worldwide was compared, and, in one case, Canadians faced the priciest roaming charges.

When estimating the cost of one megabyte of data in one downloading session, Canadians faced an average price of $24.11, the highest of all the OECD countries.

The next costliest rates were $21.61 for Americans and $19.44 for Mexicans. The cheapest price was $4.08 per megabyte for Greek consumers, while the average price was $13.24.

In another test, comparing the price to consume one megabyte of data over five different days, Canada ranked fifth most expensive. However, in a test of pricing for using five megabytes of data over five days Canada was not among the most expensive.

The report notes there is a strong case to be made for consumers to be protected against unintentional data usage. It also suggests more competition could help reduce pricing.

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Market moment

PRICES AS OF 5 P.M. YESTERDAY

TSX	Dollar
– 99.13 (13,183.79)	– 0.44¢ (102.07¢ US)

Oil	Natural gas 1,000 cu ft
+ $1.65 US ($100.74 US)	$4.783 (– 4.8¢)

Gold contracts $1,538.70 (– $5.20)

E-readers collecting dust in Canada

The relationship some fickle Canadians have had with their e-readers may be waning — a short, passionate affair that came to an end when their eye was caught by something younger, sexier and more flexible.

Bob Levesque, of Mississauga, remembers longing for an Amazon Kindle when it was forbidden fruit, only available in the United States, and jumping in with both feet when the device started being sold north of the border in 2009.

Now, his Kindle is collecting dust, spurned in favour of a seductive tablet computer that can handle e-books from a wider array of sources.

"I also do a lot of different things with the iPad. So I may not be (only) reading at one sitting. I may be doing three different things."

BOB LEVESQUE, OF MISSISSAUGA, WHOSE KINDLE IS COLLECTING DUST

"I can get books and magazines from anywhere I want. I'm not limited to Amazon, so I search around now for the best price on books," Levesque says.

It appears Levesque is not alone. A recent report from The NPD Group suggests six per cent of Canadians have purchased a tablet in the brief time they have been available here. That's the same percentage of people who own an e-reader.

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▶ A customer holds his new Apple iPad 2 tablet computer recently at a shop in Hong Kong.

Two-thirds of respondents in the survey said their tablet was bought to replace another device.

Half of tablet owners who responded to the survey said they were using their devices between two and six hours per day, while 38 per cent of e-reader owners reported using them a few hours per week or less.

Yet the e-reader is far from dead. The NPD study also suggests e-reader sales will continue to rise globally, even though they are expected to be eclipsed by tablets.

E-readers continue to be popular thanks in large part to their much lower cost, the study suggests. It's easier to plunk down $160 to give your son or daughter an e-reader for their birthday than to shell out $650 for a tablet.

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▶ Postal workers are sticking to their strategy of limited rotating strikes for another day, targeting Calgary yesterday. The strikers also walked off the job in Edmonton and are debating escalating to wider pressure tactics.

Online sales hit hard with strike

◗ Union disputes Canada Post claim that mail volume has dropped 50 per cent ◗ Settlement still up in air

Online sales have dropped for organic coffee sellers Birds & Beans. The Toronto business is no longer able to track its shipments digitally since rotating postal strikes began last Friday.

"Now we are having to do everything manually," said owner Madeleine Pritchard, adding that extra expenses are amounting to hundreds of dollars a week.

The company has abandoned Canada Post and is using couriers. But entering information the old-fashioned way is adding "more time and errors."

Rotating strikes started in Winnipeg and have since hit Montreal, Moncton, Victoria, Calgary and Edmonton. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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THE PRICE YOU PAY FOR BEING A FAN

HE SAYS ...

JOHN MAZEROLLE
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"You must be feeling better about your team," a friend said after a recent victory.

The Boston Bruins are "my team," even though I don't own them, have never played for them and, if they drafted me tomorrow, I would have to learn how to skate. But they are "my team," even here in Toronto, and I have the emotional scars to prove it.

My reply was typical: "If we win the next game I'll be less sick to my stomach."

"Oh man," she said. "The price you pay for being a true fan."

Indeed.

Unless you have recently returned from a coma and there was no television in your hospital room, you are probably aware that the Boston Bruins are in the Stanley Cup final, playing the Vancouver Canucks.

"My body is changing, too. During games, conversations not related to hockey are immediately translated to 'blah blah blah,' breathing is something that I must actively teach myself ..."

And any hard-core Bruins or Canucks supporter will tell you: Fandom is hell.

The games haven't been fun to watch for weeks — it's more like three hours of worry, except when my team scores, at which point I feel slightly less worry.

There's a reason we're called "diehards."

I'm a hard-core fan at the worst of times — February, for instance — but when your team makes a championship run strange things happen.

First, your sense of what's important changes. After Game 1, I turned to Facebook to see how my friends were responding — and hardly anyone cared. To me, it was equivalent to logging on after the Pearl Harbor attack and seeing that most people were posting kitten videos. (Of course, in reality, Facebook was abuzz after Pearl Harbor, complete with calls to "Cut and paste this status if you think this day will live in infamy!")

My body is changing, too. During games, conversations not related to hockey are immediately translated to "blah blah blah," breathing is something that I must actively teach myself, and urination is not to be attempted unless I can reach the bowl from the living room (hope springs eternal).

I'm also a snob now. I have nothing but respect for Canucks fans, but all you casually viewing, bring-the-cup-to-Canada bandwagon jumpers can bite my finger. If you didn't feel pain when they lost over the years, you don't get to feel happy when things are good. You didn't earn it.

I, on the other hand, was 13 the last time the Bruins made the Stanley Cup final and I cried openly when they lost. Being an adult now, if they lose I will cry in private. That is, if I remember to breathe.

Read more of John Mazerolle's columns at metronews.ca/hesays

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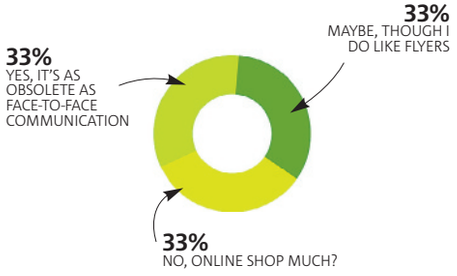
Is it time to do away with the regular postal service?



Local tweets

- **@randy-matheson:** Facebook's systems will soon be able to recognize familiar faces — users can opt out, but are still scanned
- **@roseminan:** This whole Facebook Facial Recognition thing makes me want to deactivate my account again.
- **@jenn_ivy:** lots o tweets today about how to disable facebook facial recognition, did i miss when this even started? yet another way facebook = creepy.
- **@agilitycms:** Facebook's Facial Recognition Fiasco: Those Words Sound Scary!
- **@aureliacotta:** Dear #toronto politicians, open the wading pools + splash pads NOW!
- **@weatherman_23:** We did it! Broke the daytime high record! Currently 32.6C in #toronto #hotto
- **@serologic:** Love this weather but man does it cause some nasty B.O. This streetcar smells like the inside of a gym bag. #ttc
- **@purpledocket:** If I die on this streetcar, at least the cremation will be taken care of ... #toronto #ttc

Worth mentioning

WASHINGTON. A solar flare erupted from the sun in an impressive display captured by NASA cameras, but scientists say the medium-sized event will have a minimal impact, if any, on Earth.

The flare peaked early Tuesday and created a large cloud that appeared to cover almost half the surface of the sun, NASA said. A cloud of charged particles erupted from the sun's outer atmosphere and was expected to pass by Earth late yesterday or early today, causing a minor disruption to Earth's magnetic field, according to the U.S. National Weather Service's Space Weather Prediction Center

"This wasn't really such a big event," said Michael Hesse, chief of the space weather laboratory at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center. "It was spectacular to watch, but not big in terms of hazards to the Earth."

Scientists have been expecting an increase in solar activity because the sun is moving into a more volatile period of an 11-year cycle in which its magnetic field reverses its orientation.

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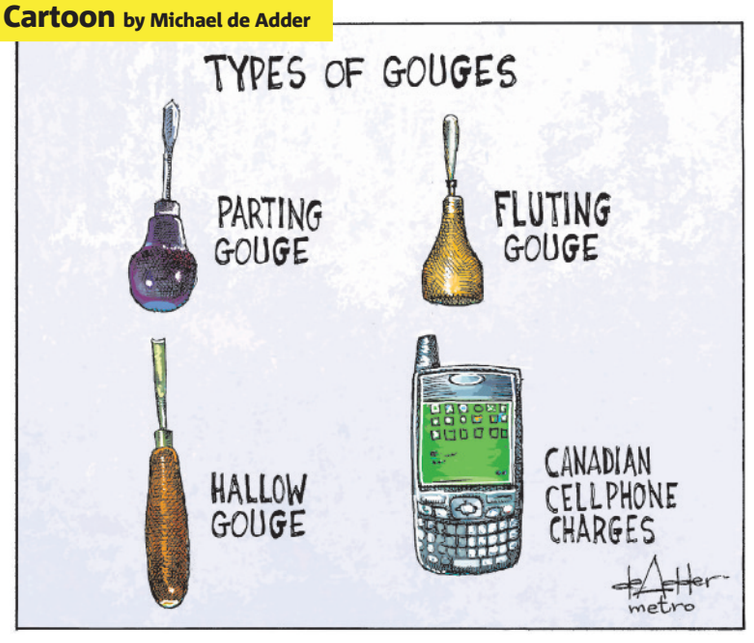

WEIRD NEWS

More 'garbage' being added to Facebook

Now on Facebook: Your garbage.

Five households have signed up for a Newcastle University (in the northeast of England) program announced yesterday that puts photographs of every item placed in a garbage can on Facebook in a bid to raise consciousness about recycling efforts.

It uses a sensor and a camera phone to record the image each time the garbage can lid is shut. The person who does that is not photographed.

Households that participate will be rated on how efficiently they recycle.

Early results are encouraging, researchers said, as the amount of garbage thrown away and not recycled has diminished in the weeks since the program began.

But the privacy advocacy group Big Brother Watch is raising concerns about the pilot project.

"This sounds like an elaborate joke — except it isn't," said director Daniel Hamilton. "Encouraging recycling is fine, but publicly humiliating those who choose not to is outrageous."

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▶ These showcards were used to promote Indian cinema. They were a mix of images from the movie and hand-painted works by artists.

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Promoting Bollywood

ROM show explores the art used to promote Indian movies ◐ Exhibit aims to reflect the change in India's culture from the 1950s to the 1990s

BACKSTAGE PASS

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Considering the no-expenses-spared marketing campaigns that accompany Hollywood blockbusters, it's difficult to imagine the scope of such pushes in India, a country whose film industries combine to make it the largest regional film producer in the world.

But while Indian film marketing include traditional billboards and posters, they have also included something called showcards. Generally produced in sets of four or six to showcase the emotional range or the different characters in a film, showcards are displayed in glass cases outside a theatre or inside the lobby.

"The showcard seems to be a uniquely Indian phenomenon," says Deepali Dewan, curator for the 120-piece exhibition Bollywood Cinema Showcards: Indian Film Art from the 1950s to the 1980s, which runs from June 11 to October 2 at the Royal Ontario Museum. "Most film industries around the world have incredible advertising built up around them, but there's all these other layers of film advertising."

Showcards differ from printed posters and billboards that, until recently, were hand painted in India, in that they married the two mediums. Photographic images from the actual film were cut out and pasted onto cardboard. Artists then hand-painted around and even on these images to emphasize the cinematic scope of the picture.

"They're unique, individual works of art," says Dewan. "Even if there was an assembly line you still had fairly unique works of arts with individual embellishments."

The medium started in earnest in the 1950s and flourished in the following decades before succumbing to the digital printmaking in the 1980s and '90s.

"The exhibit is reflective of a change in India culturally, economically and politically," she says. "It's meant to be a history of graphic design and it's meant to be a history of Indian History. But at the same time it's a way to show that pop culture is really important to consider."

A true collector

▶ **Bazaar.** All 120 pieces of the ROM's showcard exhibition come from a single collector. Angela Hartwick, a Canadian producer living abroad, bought them from a single shop in a Mumbai bazaar. The shopkeeper had collected the pieces for years, despite their apparent lack of value. Now those worthless pieces fetch $500 a piece. Hartwick went back to the bazaar and spoke with the shopkeeper and the resulting nine-minute film she produced accompanies the exhibit. (The shopkeeper's) "Dad thought he was crazy," says Dewan. "Now he's reaping the benefits and being validated."

Pegg's memoir shows that he is proud to be a geek

A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away — the west of England in the 1970s — there lived a boy named Simon Pegg.

He loved zombies, The Six Million Dollar Man and Star Wars, and dreamed of travelling far from his home to a remote and exotic world. Eventually, he got there: Hollywood.

The writer-actor behind geek-pleasing comedies Shaun of the Dead, Hot Fuzz and Paul — as well as portraying a young Scotty in the rebooted Star Trek film franchise — Pegg has come a long way from the provincial town of Gloucester, a journey he recounts in the memoir Nerd Do Well, out this week. The book offers a view of the movie industry from someone who is both an insider and an unabashed fan. It's also a journey through Pegg's formative influences, complete with digressions, flights of fantasy and strongly held opinions.

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▶ Simon Pegg

For Pegg, zombies are the greatest monsters ever, Star Wars a "childhood obsession" and a major creative influence — and George Lucas' lacklustre 1999 prequel The Phantom Menace a personal betrayal.

"I felt indignant," Pegg said, still nursing the sting more than a decade later.

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2 scene

Scene in brief

The story about U.S. Rep. Anthony Weiner's use of Twitter to send a lewd photo to a woman has been awkward for comic Jon Stewart, a friend of the congressman's. On Tuesday, it proved painful.

Stewart broke a glass and gashed his wrist while taping a Weiner skit on The Daily Show. The taping was briefly stopped so a bleeding Stewart could get medical attention, then resumed after he was bandaged up.

Stewart and Weiner briefly roomed together when they were younger, a point The Daily Show host noted over the past week. That hasn't stopped Stewart from making fun of his friend.

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Two officers in unit that provided escorts to actor Charlie Sheen transferred to other positions. Scan code for story.

Nerds rule the world

Arcade Fire won Album of the Year • Jonathan Franzen is a literary star
And you're probably reading this right before going online
Culturally, the geeks are in charge. Is a backlash coming?

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When Revenge of the Nerds was released in 1984, many found the movie hilarious (or idiotic, or trite) but no one labelled the film prescient.

Yet, almost 30 years later, there's an overriding sense that the Poindexters and Boogers of the world have beaten the Stans and Ogres. Have the nerds won the war?

If you're reading this article right now, there's a nearly 100 per cent chance that you own something at least partially designed by Steve Jobs or Bill Gates. Mark Zuckerberg has unseated He-Man to become the de facto Master of the Universe. Twitter and its 140 character limit affect the way we think, and kids write.

The reigning geekdom, though, isn't just about computers and what has been born out of the digital battles of the '70s and '80s and post-dotcom-burst. Dorks are everywhere. A sign of a cultural paradigm shift may have occurred this past August.

When a bespectacled Jonathan Franzen graced the cover of Time magazine, literary circles were scrambling to denounce or anoint the wordsmith. But the larger issue wasn't the relative worth of his book Freedom; it was the simple fact that he had broken into the mainstream.

Not only was the erudite soul part of the popular consciousness, he was positioned as such for following the nerdiest maxim of conflict avoidance and most motherly advice ever: He used his words.

The ante was upped in February when Arcade Fire took home the Album of the Year Grammy. Propelled to fame largely by music blogs and websites — Pitchfork famously hyped its first album, Funeral — the Canadian outsiders found themselves inside of inner circles Dante couldn't have dreamed up.

Look around you: The highest grossing film of all time is about blue aliens and was exhibited largely in 3-D. Spiderman is on Broadway. Justin Timberlake wears glasses. The cool kid table at the cafeteria is populated by nerds or, at the very least, by people who the nerds deem cool.

Morgan Webb — who co-hosts television's most watched video game show, X-Play, on G4 — believes that the term "nerd" might come down to semantics. "I think some people are insulted but I embrace it," she says when reached by telephone in Los Angeles.

"What it really means is you're not embarrassed that you like Star Wars. You're allowed to be proud of it." She quips, "I'm just a nerd with a good coat of polish."

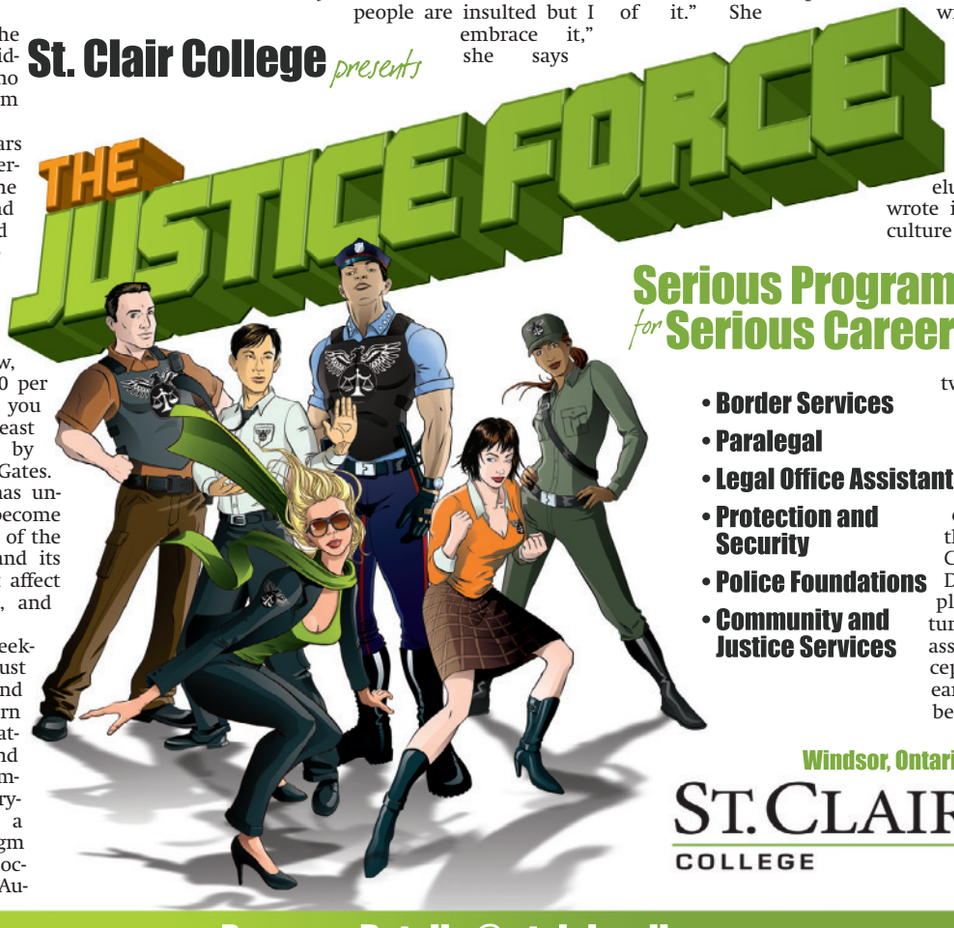
But, if squares are hip, then does the term "nerd" still carry any weight?

Nathan Rabin, the head writer for The Onion's A.V. Club, takes it a step further, writing, "Weird is the new normal; normal is the new weird."

Via email, he elucidates: "As I wrote in the piece, geek culture has been mainstreamed to the point where there doesn't seem to be any real difference between the two."

Actor/comedian Patton Oswalt put forth a similar theme in his widely-read article for Wired entitled, Wake Up, Geek Culture. Time to Die, where he explains that nerd culture began its assimilation into accepted normalcy as early as 1987, and has become basically unidentifiable since the rise of the Internet. The way he sees it flips certain logic: Oswalt thinks we have to make pop culture suck for the nerds to rise again. Terrible comic book movies like Priest will make that dream come true. But the definitive wedgie might come from the planned production of Revenge of the Jocks, which is to be helmed by Jackass director Jeff Tremaine.

The Hollywood Reporter outlines the premise: "Three men, once popular high school jocks with their glory days behind them, find themselves forced to adapt to a world run by the geek and nerd crowd."



JEFF LANCE
▶ This nerd knows it's do or do not, there is no try.

Then and now

THEN

Arnold and Sly: In the '80s, the big action stars had big muscles, while nerds had big pocket protectors.

NOW
The action stars are fey (Johnny Depp in Pirates), snarky (Iron Man's Robert Downey) or downright nerdy (Shia LeBeouf in Transformers).

THEN

Comic book movies were a joke. Unless you are one of the three people who adored Howard the Duck.

NOW
All comics, all the time — so much so that a movie like Priest can come out and bore even comic book fans.

THEN
Michael Jackson was quirky artist, but took himself too seriously to qualify as a dork.

NOW
Justin Timberlake brings sexy back, but calls himself a "geek" and wears the glasses to prove it.

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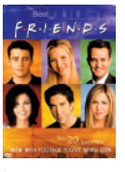

The NO. 1 comedy during the 90s: Friends, starring well-groomed, successful, urban, witty twentysomethings.

NOW
The Big Bang Theory is a massive success, while Friends clones get cancelled every season.

Geek or chic?

Just like at school, it's the popular kids who are taking all the credit for geek chic But hang on, surely the wannabe hipsters owe some thanks to the brainy bunch

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Just when did geeks become so cool?

The kids labelled "four eyes" were once the ridiculed, bullied, butt of the joke, social outcasts.

But now it seems the so-called trendsetters like Brad Pitt, David Beckham, designer Giles Deacon and music artist Tinie Tempah are adopting their style staples with oversize glasses, bow ties, chunky knits and beige desert boots à la my old Latin teacher. However, there's a difference between wearing geeky clothes and actually pulling the style off.

Mark Zuckerberg. Nottie

Let's take this guy, the man behind Facebook and we can only imagine the hero of many-a-budding IT wizkids. He has 50 per cent of the geek chic credentials in that he is, along with Bill Gates, one of the biggest geeks of our time. Unfortunately, that's where the requirements for this coveted style end.

Here he is strolling onto the stage before his adoring fans. From the plastered down, Lego man like hair to the suit jacket, tie and formal shirt teamed with jeans, it's like his wardrobe has a split personality. But, hey, who cares when you've got a few billion in the bank.

Tinie Tempah. Hottie

Funnily enough, it is the least nerdy, pop culture figures that manage to come top of the class in the geek chic stakes. Here's rap artist Tinie Tempah at the Brits.

Yes, it's a black tie event and he's worn a natty, polka dot bow tie, white jacket with a navy trim.

But his quirky take on the stuffy style works because he's confident, writes catchy tunes and, well, his style looks polished — probably thanks to an all-knowing stylist.

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We asked 30 women from the world-renowned Ikon Model Management: If your date name-dropped one of these from pop culture, would you find him more attractive and why?

WOLVERINE

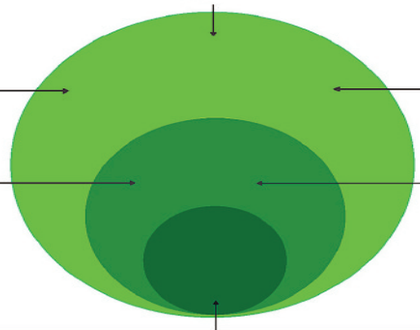
"I love comics, especially X-Men, so if a guy knows about the characters, that is pretty cool to me."

IRON MAN

"Real man character."

LORD OF THE RINGS

"First of all, I love action movies. I also love the fantasy, the magic, the talking trees, the sword fights — and the fellowship of the team."



HARRY POTTER

"It's a window into a magical world, below the surface that regular people can't see. Most of the choices listed here are like that, but Harry Potter is my fave of them all."

NONE OF THESE

"I don't follow pop culture trivia."

BATMAN

"I find Batman a really cool guy because he is classy, well-spoken and he has high moral standards," says Juanita, pictured above. "But at night he transforms himself into one of the most feared men by criminals. He is a real man!"

LOST

"I love all types of TV series. Sitting with a guy for hours watching season after season is fun! Not just Lost, but any TV series. You can debate on conspiracy theories and story lines. It gives you a common interest and something you can share together."

BIG BANG THEORY

"I like a guy that can talk science. The universe is an amazing topic for discussion and is full of interesting things."

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▶ What is Tyrion's nickname in Game of Thrones?

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Or more to the point, how big a nerd are you?
See how many of the below questions you can answer correctly.

1. What is the true name of Galactus, the Devourer of Worlds and wielder of the Power Cosmic?
A Phil
B Galan
C Unicron
D Norrin Radd

2. It has been postulated that the Large Hadron Collider — a 17-mile particle accelerator located in Switzerland — can theoretically create mini black holes here on Earth. More realistically, what hypothesized particle's existence are scientists hoping to prove with the LHC?
A The Higgs boson
B Midi-chlorians
C The Super-quark
D Dark matter

3. Of the six possible romantic entanglements for a female version of Commander Shepard in Mass Effect II — the 2010 Game of the Year — how many are human?
A Zero
B One
C Two
D Three

4. In episode 33 of the original Star Trek series (Mirror, Mirror), a transporter mishap places the gang in a parallel universe where the Federation (now the Terran Empire) is evil, and the crew from the Enterprise meet their dastardly counterparts. What is the distinguishing feature of Evil Spock?
A Irrational exuberance and zest for life
B Fangs
C lisp
D goatee

5. In George R.R. Martin's fantasy series Game of Thrones, what is the nickname given to Tyrion Lannister?
A The Mountain that Rides
B The Imp
C The Grey Warden
D The Little Prince

6. Where is Google's global headquarters located (don't Google the answer!)?
A Mountain View, California
B Palo Alto, California
C New York City
D Eureka, Oregon

7. What's the currency of choice in Second Life?
A The Linden
B There is no currency. It's a virtual barter system.
C The Rand
D Cartons of virtual

▶ "Second Life"

smokes

8. What is the most valuable card in the history of Magic: The Gathering?
A Mox Ruby
B Pikachu
C The Sorcerer's Stone
D Black Lotus

9. Which former Wonder Years character also has a math theorem named after them?
A Fred Savage (Kevin Arnold)
B Josh Saviano (Paul Pfeiffer)
C Danica McKellar (Winnie Cooper)
D Alley Mills (Norma Arnold)

10. In the popular anime Neon Genesis Evangelion, what are the names of the supernatural beings that the youthful heroes are required to fight while piloting their giant robots?
A Angels
B Ubiks
C Saiyans
D R'lyeh

How to score

- If you answered 8–10 correct: Frankly, we're surprised you stopped playing World of Warcraft long enough to finish this quiz.
- If you answered 4–7 correct: You, like many of us, have your nerdy tendencies, but all in all you're able to at least mime normal human interactions.
- If you answered 0–3 correct: You spent your youth beating up the people who aced this quiz and think the Player's Handbook is actually something for amateur gigolos. Some day soon, consider taking a day off from the gym and reading a book for once in your life.

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HEMNES coffee table $129 was $229.
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RA. Solid pine. W40xD40xH73cm. Grey.

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These are the cool kids

Jim Parsons and the creators of The Big Bang Theory set out to tell a story about "remarkable minds." Lucky for them, dorks are in style

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When The Big Bang Theory debuted in 2007, it wasn't expected to be a massive success.

The show didn't have the pretty people of Friends or the snark of Seinfeld. Instead, we got two nerdy physicist roommates (Johnny Galecki as Leonard and Jim Parsons as Sheldon), their homely friends and one hot blonde (Kaley Cuoco as Penny).

OK, maybe the hot blonde helped ratings. But audiences worldwide are most attracted by the nerd humour. We talked to Parsons and co-creators Chuck Lorre and Bill Prady about how they pull it off.

On learning the scientific jargon of the show:
PARSONS: It was a lot of memorization. It was a lot of writing down lines. It was a lot of — a pronouncing dictionary, but it was a pleasure. It was a lot of takes. No, it wasn't. I did very well. It's a wonderful thing, actually, that many words because it's something good to rely on when you get out there. You got that behind you. You don't have to think as much.

On the Sheldon/Penny relationship:
LORRE: I think she's domesticating him in a way. She's softening the edges. I think the whole process of the series is — the ensemble is his umbilical cord to reality. We kind of found it as we went that a Penny/Sheldon relationship is wonderful, again, in that they are so very different.

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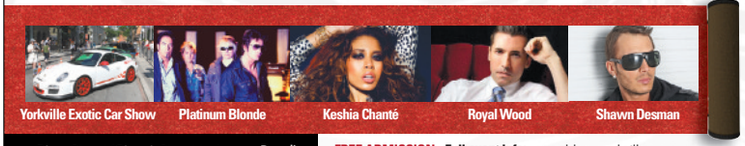

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▶ From left: Simon Helberg, Jim Parsons, Johnny Galecki and Kunal Nayyar in The Big Bang Theory

Sheldon's nerdiest lines

▶ Parsons

- "Oh, well, this would be one of those circumstances that people unfamiliar with the law of large numbers would call a coincidence."
- "A neutron walks into a bar and asks how much for a drink. The bartender replies, 'For you, no charge.'"
- "Oh Gravity, thou art a heartless bitch."

On Johnny Galecki's character torn between the "geek" world and "real" world:
PRADY: Yeah. Well, I mean, he was always designed to be the centre torn between two worlds, between Sheldon, who is saying "Retreat. Retreat. We are fine here with just, you know, Internet games and science," and Penny, who is saying "There's a world out there. Come take a look at it." And he's the character in — I guess most in motion.

On the origins of the show:
LORRE: Bill and I started this out with the goal of writing about remarkable minds, people that were spectacular in their vision and their ability to see things that we can't see.

And, you know, that somehow gets categorized as nerds and geeks and whatnot, but that's not where we started from. The fact that that's kind of happening in the culture right now is kind of — we kind of find ourselves caught up in it, but that's fine, you know. The comedy is in their inability to deal with everything that we take for granted.

She's a Google Doodler

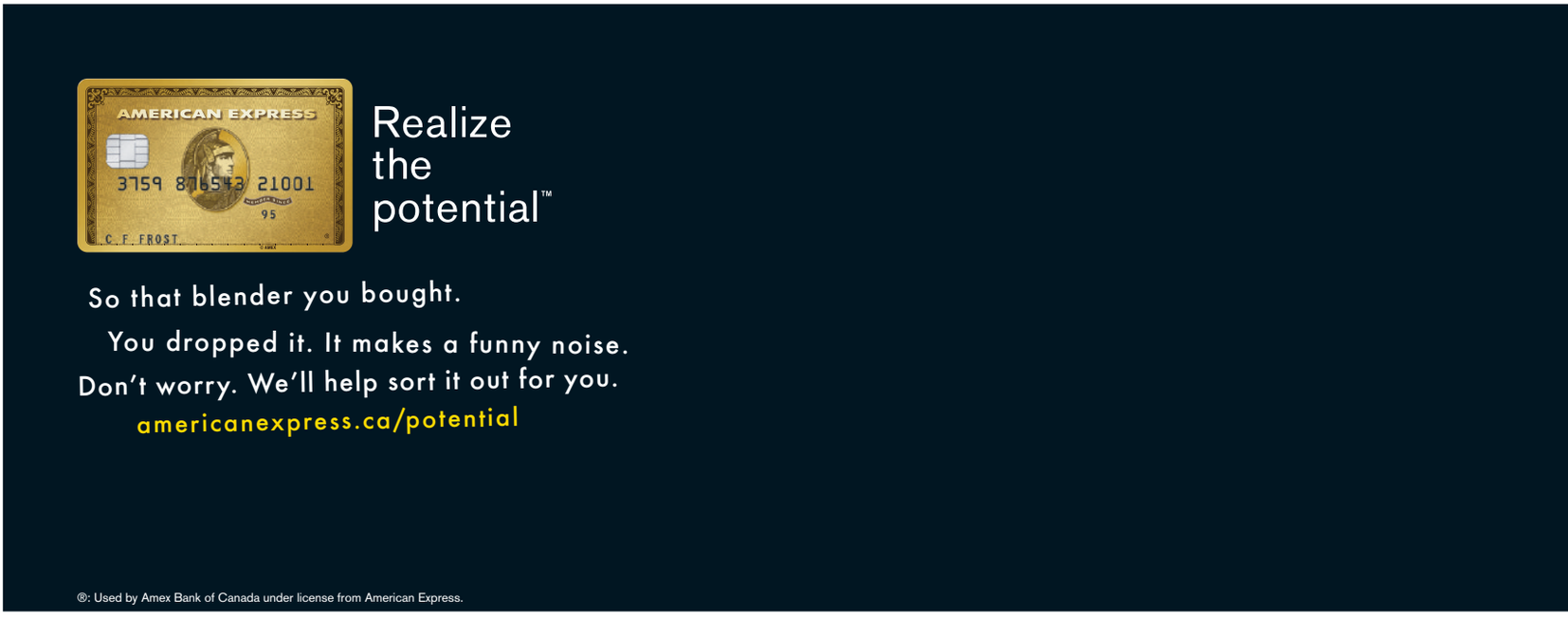
Yes, that is Jennifer Holm's official title. She's responsible for the surprise themed logos that appear on Google, often around special occasions. What a cool nerd.

I just called you a nerd. How does that make you feel?
Firstly, that makes me giggle. Secondly, I'm quite proud of it! If I wasn't a nerd, I certainly wouldn't be as passionate about my job.

What would you say is the dorkiest Google logo — maybe one it took time for people to "get"?
UNIX operating system doodle has definitive "start date" (like a computer's understanding of the beginning of time, which happened to be Jan. 1, 1970) and we decided to create a doodle to mark the 123,456,789th second that has passed since then.

This doodle launched for only a few minutes back in 2009 and is, in my opinion, the dorkiest doodle we've ever launched. Though I didn't quite "get" it at first, I certainly had an "a-ha" moment when I later learned what the doodle was celebrating.

Where do you see digital art going? Will the new Degas be made using a computer — and be accepted by museums and art critics as something on par with more "traditional" materials?
Both digital and traditional media have their pros and cons. The advantage of traditional media (in the eyes of many galleries and mu-



JESSE EISENBERG
OSCAR-NOMINATED GEEK

This summer, Jesse Eisenberg, Oscar-nominated for The Social Network, stars in the heist comedy 30 Minutes or Less
But we talked to him about being a nerd

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How do you feel, always being tapped for these nervous, fidgety roles?
Well, it's great because if you don't have inner conflict, then it's not an interesting character to play.

It's more interesting to me if the character feels conflicted, which may appear as discomfort or anger or may appear as sadness, so in this respect, I don't mind being tapped for that because that's what makes those characters interesting to me.

You also come off as smart — another nerdy quality.
My father is a professor and my mother is also a teacher and my girlfriend and friends are teachers so I suppose I come from an articulate background and that's what people see. I come from a background where it was important to be articulate and thoughtful.

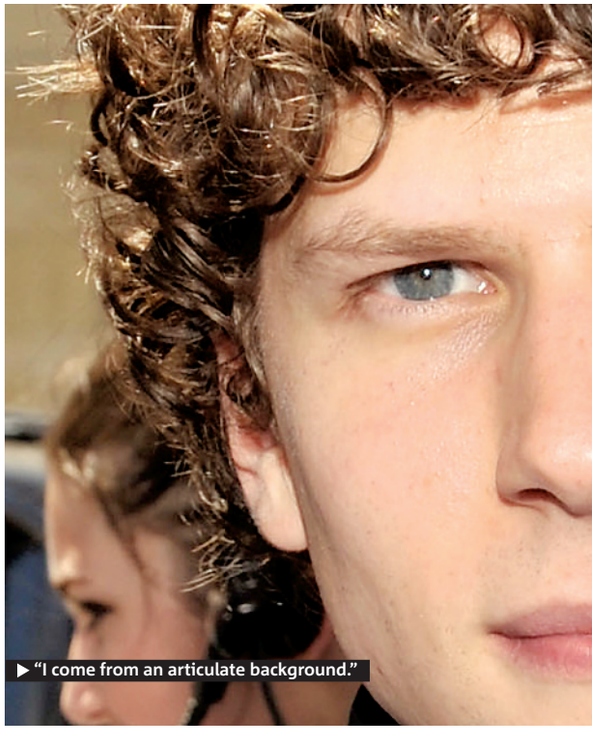
Metro interview

I heard you play the drums.
I used to play the drums but I'm bad at it. I play the piano.

Trying to learn the drums made me realize why so many drummers are cokeheads. You need so much energy.
I don't like playing more than one song. It's tiring. So they do cocaine before they go on stage?

That makes sense. I wonder if you could trace the cocaine to the faster beats of the 80s. When cocaine became popular, did the drums become faster?

And like acid, Grateful Dead of course and then Phish, they take a lot of


▶ "I come from an articulate background."

GOOGLE

▶ A tribute to Roger Hargreaves.

seums at least) is that it is unique in its physical existence — there is one copy, an "original," which adds value to the piece.

The advantage of digital, however, is its speed and interactivity. There is speed in that it is faster to create something and also faster to share and gain a larger audience.

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"If I wasn't a nerd, I certainly wouldn't be as passionate about my job." JENNIFER HOLM

▶ Jennifer Holm

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mushrooms, fans of that band Phish.

What's a role you'd want to play that's unlike anything you've done?

I write plays. When I write a play, I write for myself and it's a role I want to play but as an actor being hired by others, I've gotten to play much more interesting people and much more dimensional characters than I ever expected to play. I never thought I'd be in a movie like Adventureland, which is like a more traditional romantic movie. I was raised to not think of myself as a sexual being so to be in that surprised me.

I feel very fortunate to have been in things even though I was not raised to be sexual.

Like a eunuch almost. I was supposed to get circumcised but he castrated me.

They cut too much off, the whole thing really.

Twitter nerds

- **Aziz Ansari:** "Has anyone successfully solved the Netflix N8007 error where Silverlight closes unexpectedly? No luck with Google, tech support, etc."
- **Wired editor Chris Anderson:** "Woohoo! Autodesk's awesome new 3-D authoring tool, 123D, is out. And free."
- **Judd Apatow, director of 40-Year-Old Virgin and Knocked Up:** "There is no volume of fart that will wake my beautiful daughter."
- **Tina Fey (pictured):** She has a Twitter account but never uses it. That's how nerdy she is.

Emma Watson denies bullying made her quit

Admits that she was trying to seek out normality by attending university

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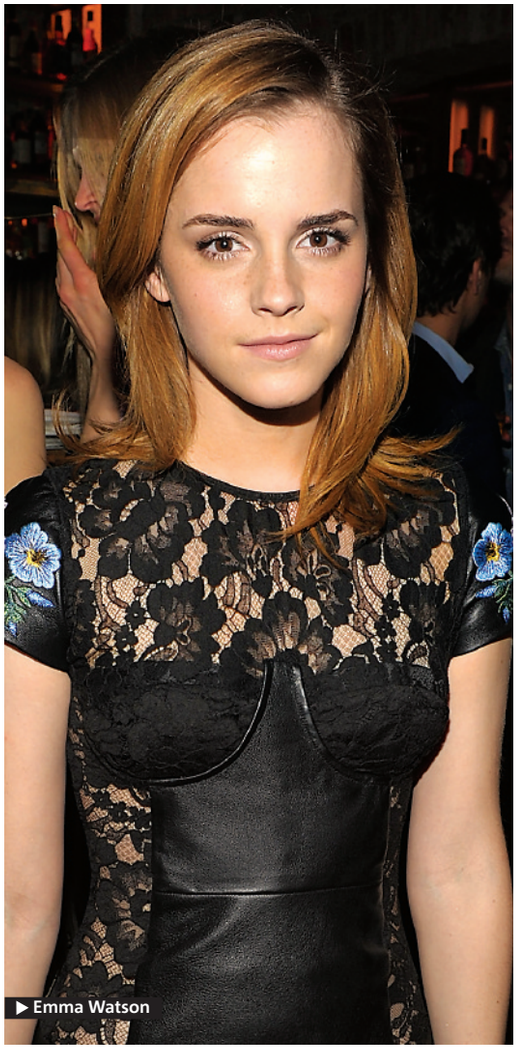

▶ Emma Watson

Harry Potter star Emma Watson insists claims that her decision to leave Brown University was due to being harassed by classmates are completely off-base.

"Even if I was being given a hard time, I wasn't going to wuss out of university because someone said 'Wingardium leviosa' to me in a corridor, or '10 points for Gryffindor.' I've been dealing with the media since I was nine," she tells the Sunday Times Style magazine.

"If I can't stand up to a few people giving me a hard time, it's a bit pathetic, really. I've had so much worse."

So why the sudden departure from the Ivy League school?

"I was in denial," she says. "I wanted to pretend I wasn't as famous as I was. I was trying to seek out normality, but I kind of have to accept who I am, the position I'm in and what happened." METRO

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Talking points

Leo and Blake visit Disneyland

BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE. After cavorting around France and Italy, Leonardo DiCaprio and Blake Lively have reportedly taken their fledgling romance stateside, sneaking into Disney Land recently, according to Us Weekly.

The stars were reportedly escorted into the park close to closing time and were ushered to the front of the line for the newly refurbished Star Wars-themed Star Tours ride. Onlookers later spotted DiCaprio and Lively strolling through the nearly empty park. METRO

Celebrity tweets

@joelmchale

"Been potty training my 3yr old. I feel like I'm part of some kind of fraternity hazing.I'm just not sure who's the pledge & who's the member"

@tyrabanks

"Dream so damn big that people laugh in your face. Then prove them all wrong! My hero Richard Branson does just that. I hope to follow...U?"

@andydick

"gave up on getting my old phone back. bought another one. i will be tweeting my ass off once again. missed you. love you!"

@JimCarrey

"I AM CONSCIOUSNESS AMUSING ITSELF!"

Justin and Selena turning heads

Now that they've gone public with their relationship, Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez reportedly can't seem to stop public displays of affection — and it's starting to bug some bystanders, according to Hollyscoop.

"They made out for about three minutes and kind of weirded people out," a source says of the couple's behaviour at the MTV Movie Awards.

"They used a lot of tongue and acted like there was no one else in the room."

Last week, the pair shared many public make-out sessions during their Hawaiian vacation before heading to Stratford, Ont., where Gomez reportedly met Bieber's extended family. METRO

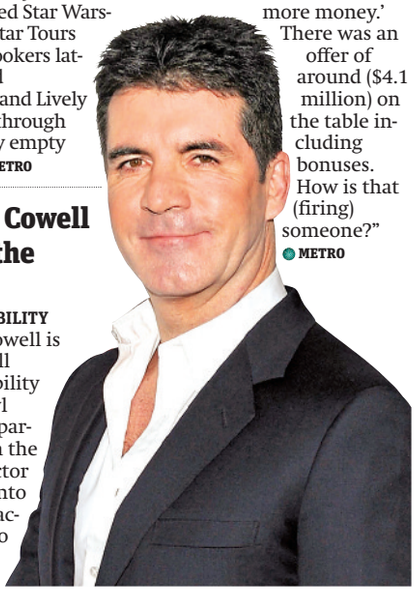
▶ Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez.

Simon Cowell takes the blame

RESPONSIBILITY Simon Cowell is taking full responsibility for Cheryl Cole's departure from the U.S. X Factor turning into a circus, according to the Sun.

"The feeling was that she was slightly out of her comfort zone in America," he explains.

"The intention was to do it quietly and say to her she had an option to rejoin the U.K. show. ... At the end of the day we were saying, 'Move to another show for even more money.' There was an offer of around ($4.1 million) on the table including bonuses. How is that (firing) someone?" METRO



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High waisted jeans, ghetto girl earrings

- Jessie J deconstructs her trademark, '90s-influenced style
- She loves bold lipsticks, shoulder pads and Vivienne Westwood

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"It's funny because I never thought of myself as a style icon," Jessie J says over the phone from her bedroom with two giggling friends in the background. We're talking about her trademark, in-your-face look that she likes to call "ghetto chic."

For the record, the words "style icon," are hers, not mine. During the course of our chat, I never mentioned it. But it seems she's heard herself described as such enough times that she feels the need to comment on the label. Born Jessica Ellen Cornish, the British singer songwriter star has a personal style that is as memorable as her commanding, pliable voice. She's definitely the most style-y of England's ever-growing crop of talented soul singers (Adele, Amy Winehouse, Duffy, the list goes on.)

"It was never like, I need a gimmick. I need a look. I've always had the hair, lipstick, long nails. I've always looked this way before I was out there," she says as she packs a glittery, shoulder-padded catsuit into her suitcase for an upcoming show in the Bahamas.

"I did hair modeling for three or four years. I had green and blue hair, a Mohawk, but I always kept coming back to this bob. It's like my comfort blanket," she says, before pointing out that she's actually a natural blonde.

And she's always styled herself. Since she's released her critically loved album, Who You Are, the 23-year-old has been exposed to more influences. So as opposed to a few years ago, she can now mix in, say, Vivienne Westwood and Chanel into her usual mix of vintage and high street clothes.

"I love teaming high fashion with something like massive tacky gold earrings. I grew up watching people like TLC and Whitney Houston in the high-waisted jeans. All of that had an effect on me."

▶ "I love teaming high fashion with something like massive, tacky gold earrings," says Jessie J.

The building blocks

Jessie J lists the wardrobe staples she can't live without.

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"I've always worn high waisted things. They work well on me because I don't really have hips. I just have a bit of a bum.

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Going Gaga

Lady Gaga accepted the year's top style icon award at Monday night's Council of Fashion Designers of America awards.

"All of you made me feel like a star before I was," she told the audience at Lincoln Center.

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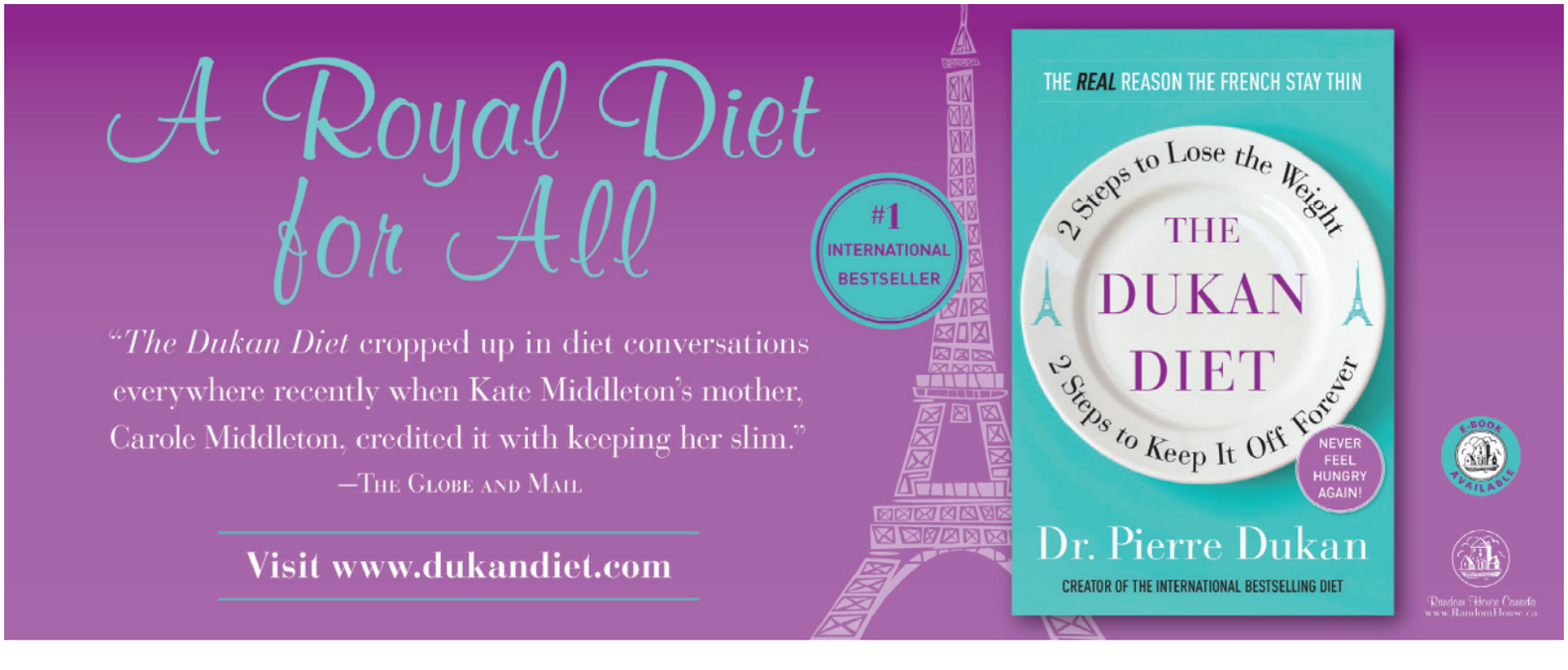

The gossip queen dishes

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Metro tracked down four out-and-abouters from around the globe and asked what they were sporting

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Occupation:
Student
Spotted:
Milan

What she's wearing:
"A jacket by Versace, a La Fayette top, H&M shoes and the skirt, bag and belt are all vintage."

Name:
Maria Duenas Jacobs
Occupation:
Accessories Editor at Glamour magazine
Spotted:
New York

What she's wearing:
"A Blumarine studded cardigan, J Crew romper, Giuseppe Zanotti sandals, a Mulberry bag and Oliver peoples sunglasses."

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Name:
Elizabeth Dunphy
Occupation:
Property sector
Spotted:
London

What she's wearing:
"A Topshop dress, Mulberry bag, Ray-Ban sunglasses, Office pumps, a Casio watch and vintage jewellery."

Name: Luke Fenech
Occupation: Graphic Designer
Spotted: London

What he's wearing:
"A Zara blazer, Paul Smith shirt, American Apparel chinos, Russell and Bromley shoes, a vintage leather belt and it's an Ally Capellino bag."

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▶ Name: Jonas Raachou Wermuth
▶ Occupation: Student

Remix his style

Take a tip from this Danish chap and offset your ensemble with a statement cap or even a bicycle

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$135, oipolloi.com

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$30, newyorkhatco.com

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5 SUPERGA 2750 PLIMSOLLS
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From tackle box to the hair salon

Fly shop feathers disappear from shelves amid hair extension craze

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A fishy fashionista gets her hair done with tackle.

Fly shop manager Jim Bernstein was warned that hair stylists would come banging on his door, but he didn't listen.

Sure enough, less than 24 hours later, a woman walked into the Eldredge Bros. Fly Shop in Maine and made a beeline toward a display of hackles — the long, skinny rooster feathers fishermen use to make lures.

"She brought a bunch up to the counter and asked if I could get them in pink," he said. "That's when I knew."

Fly fishing shops across the U.S., he learned, are at the centre of the latest hair trend: Feather extensions. Supplies at stores from the coasts of Maine to landlocked Idaho are running out and some feathers sold online are fetching hundreds of dollars more than the usual prices.

"I'm looking around the shop thinking hmmm, what else can they put in their hair?" Bernstein said.

"She brought a bunch up to the counter and asked if I could get them in pink. That's when I knew"
JIM BERNSTEIN, FLY SHOP MANAGER

Fly fishermen are not happy, bemoaning the trend in online message boards and sneering at so-called "feather ladies." Some also blame American Idol judge and rocker Steven Tyler, who began wearing the feathers in his long hair.

"It takes years and years and years to develop these chickens to grow these feathers. And now, instead of ending up on a fly, it's going into women's hair," said Matt Brower, a guide and assistant manager at Idaho Angler in Boise.

"I think that's the reason a lot of people are a little peeved about it," he said.

The feathers are not easy to come by in the first place.

They come from roosters that are genetically bred and raised for their plumage. In most cases, the birds do not survive the plucking.

At Whiting Farms Inc., in western Colorado, one of the world's largest producers of fly tying feathers, the roosters live about a year while their saddle feathers — the ones on the bird's backside and the most popular for hair extensions — grow as long as possible. Then the animal is euthanized.

As hair extensions, the feathers can be brushed, blow dried, straightened and curled once they are snapped into place. Most salons sell the feather strands for $5 to $10 a piece. The trend has become so popular a company online even sells feather extensions for dogs. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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"We're talking about bright pinks and fuchsias, tangerines, deep purples, turquoise, cobalt blue in particular and bright yellow — all these unexpected pops of colour," said Liv Judd, Toronto market editor for LouLou magazine.

And don't feel restricted to just one shade — Judd said you can team contrasting colours together, like a cobalt blue top and emerald green skirt. But she suggests a limit of three hues if you're going to put various colours together, such as one each for the top and bottom of your outfit along with a shoe in a different hue.

For those who are a bit more colour-shy, consider rooting the brighter shades in your favourite neutral, like pairing a colourful belt with grey cropped pants or shorts, suggested Tara Wickwire, director of public relations for Gap Inc. in Canada.

"You're wearing colour, you look like you're on trend for the season, but you don't have to go head-to-toe over-the-top with it," she said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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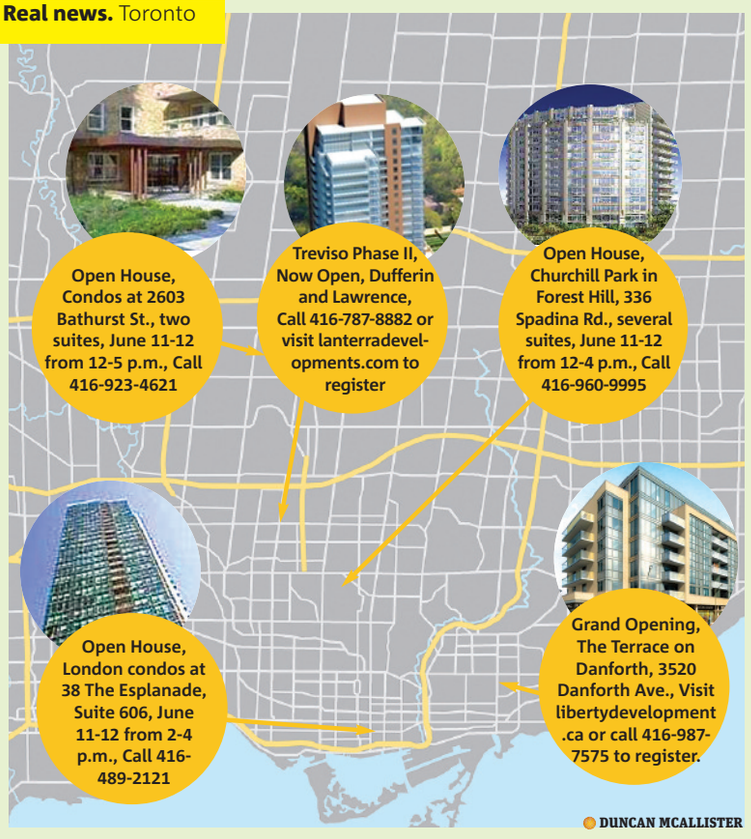

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VANCOUVER PARALLELS TORONTO CONDO SCENE

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Buyers camped out for days in front of one sales office. Controlled entry into a sales event at another newly opened project?

Just a routine day on the Toronto condo scene, right?

Actually, I witnessed both of these things in Vancouver, B.C., on a BILD-led housing study tour of that market last week.

Over the course of two days in Vancouver, we toured most of the city's top new condo projects and heard from Vancouver market experts.

It was all part of an annual expedition to uncover new ideas in condo design and marketing.

Vancouver was selected because of its robust condo market as well as the Olympic Village housing development, which Toronto developers with an interest in the Pan-Am Games housing bid were particularly interested to learn about.

As it happens, we did come across a project in Richmond where people were already camped out, even though the project wasn't opening for another two days.

Projects in Richmond are all doing quite well based on affordability (compared with downtown Vancouver) but also thanks to the new SkyTrain link to the airport.

I really think we need to start connecting the 416 with the south 905 the way Vancouver is doing it.

At a downtown Vancouver project, we encountered a full-blown private sales event unfolding before our eyes, with buyers snapping-up units in a very distinctively-designed new building.

I have to say that as much as I have boasted about the quality of our condo design and the sophistication of our high-rise marketing machine, developers and their designers and marketers in Vancouver are exceptional at what they do there as well.

Where Vancouver does trump Toronto is on their hockey team. Go Canucks!

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Your condo as an investment

Toronto's condo market shows no sign of slowing down

Astute investors may need to react to rising costs, shrinking rental incomes

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▶ Toronto's rents are much lower than comparative global cities.

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Toronto is currently the dominant North American condo market, with over 18,000 units being sold annually over the past five years, according to findings by Urbanation, the Toronto-based condominium market research firm, and a great number of the buyers have no intention of living in them. The study found that "With many downtown condominium projects selling over 70 per cent of their units to investors, developers need to keep a keen eye on index price movement and rental transaction activity."

A number of factors are behind the explosive growth of condos in the GTA. First and foremost is an influx of foreign buyers: Offshore investors are buying up Toronto condos sight unseen for the purpose of investment.

So is the Toronto condo rental market saturated? It depends who you talk to. Shana Bahrami, a licensed realtor affiliated with Right at Home Realty Inc., maintains that "The Toronto real estate market continues to exhibit strength in the demand for new condominiums, particularly as investment properties for those with new money. This trend indicates that any suggestion of a developing 'condo bubble' represents ongoing conjecture, rather than market reality."

And a Canada Mortage and Housing Corporation study from the fall of 2010 found that "The average vacancy rate for purpose-built apartment buildings in the GTA declined to 2.1 per cent in October 2010 from 3.1 per cent in October 2009. The average rent for two-bedroom apartments common to last year's survey increased by 1.8 per cent."

All that may change this year as a result of the pervasive condo construction in Toronto. According to CMHC statistics, "A surge of nearly 8,000 condominium apartments were completed in the June to September 2010 period. These new units likely worked to push vacancies higher." And as of last June, "there were over 34,000 units near completion in the GTA."

With 20 per cent of the GTA condo market being rental, what happens when all these units hit the street this year? The quandary for investors is that rental rates are not rising relative to the increasing prices and costs paid by investors, and Toronto's rents are much lower than comparative global cities.

A study by Adrienne Warren published by the Scotiabank Group in March, is optimistic that Canada's residential activity will remain buoyant, but rentals may go soft. "It is also highly unlikely that Canada will experience a U.S.-style housing collapse. The roughly 25 per cent correction in U.S. home prices from their 2006 peak was primarily the result of weak lending practices and high-risk mortgage products largely absent in Canada," says Warren.

"Canada's average rental apartment vacancy rate in major urban centres edged down slightly last year to 2.6 per cent, and has remained historically low throughout the past decade. Vacancy rates for rented condominium apartments are low, at 2.0 per cent or less in six of the 10 CMAs surveyed by CMHC.

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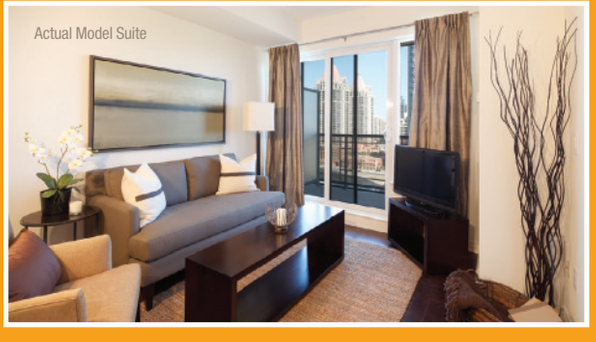

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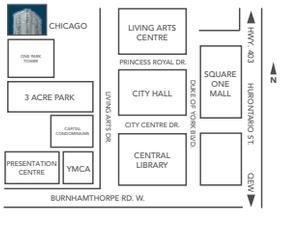

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The world's a stage so decorate it well.

For many selling their homes it can be a stressful time. Got a house listed that isn't selling? Other than adjusting the asking price the next best thing is to create a better presentation of your place.

Here are my tips on how to prep your stale house and turn it into an irresistible and marketable home.

Yard sale before home sale

It's the easiest way to say goodbye to the excess stuff that has been building up in your place.

Have a yard sale for the small stuff, post expensive items like furniture and collectables on Craigslist and donate excess clothing, shoes and books to a local church or charity.

The Canadian Diabetes Society will arrange pick up for free in most major cities.

Edit possessions

Remove all photos, vacation momentos, collections and anything that will distract a potential buyer from envisioning the house as their own.

Take away religious items and anything that may be offensive (artful nudes, liquor, gambling, hunting, etc).

Still got your over scaled wedding portrait hung over the sofa? Get rid of it; run to HomeSense and hang an inexpensive mirror or neutral print.

Brighten and lighten

Paint away strong, dark or bold wall colours with lighter, softer colours. Popular colours include cream, pale grey and light taupe. Increase your light wattage to a minimum of 80 watts.

Showing a home during winter months or in the evening will demand brighter lights to make your home look light and airy.

Remove heavy draperies and coloured blinds to show off more wall space and allow windows to feel lighter/brighter.

I believe the early bird gets the worm and the best time to encourage buyers to look is early in the day.

The gardens are the freshest, the house is the coolest and it allows you the rest of the day to actually live in your house and not walk around afraid to touch anything.

It's also a great excuse to make a pot of coffee; a great welcoming aroma to morning guests.

Hire a cleaning person. Nothing sells a house better than cleanliness. As a matter of fact, having a cleaning person at your house during a showing might just ensure to a potential buyer that you are selling a well-maintained house. Maybe its time to rent a maid's outfit?

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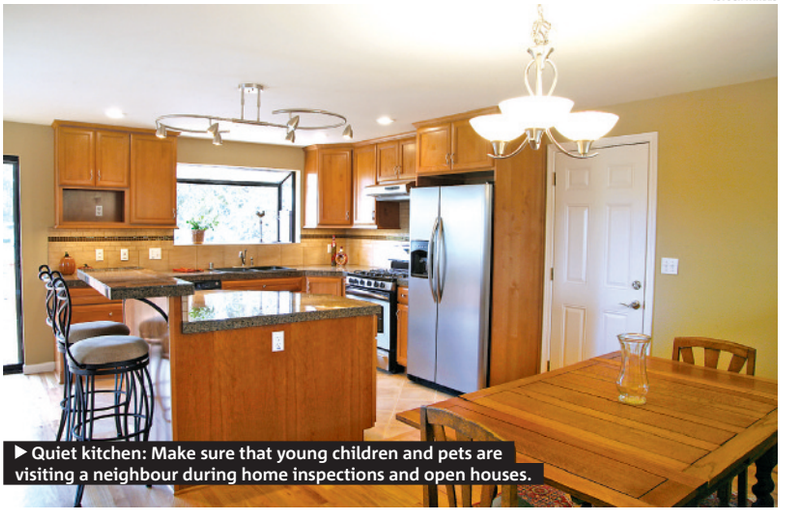

▶ Quiet kitchen: Make sure that young children and pets are visiting a neighbour during home inspections and open houses.

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▶ Taking away all photos, books, etc. helps potential buyers envision living there.

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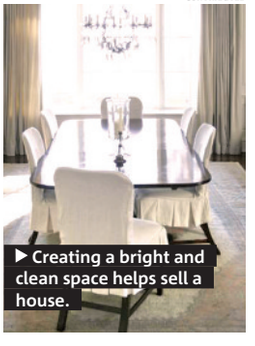

▶ Creating a bright and clean space helps sell a house.

Designer tricks

- **Lower** all of the picture hanging nails one to two inches. The lower artwork will give the illusion that the ceilings are taller; a feature that all potential buyers seem to like these days.
- **Up** all the light bulbs to at least 80 watts. Creating bright and cheery rooms is what potential buyers like. Turn lights on even during the daytime to ensure a bright space.
- **Add** fresh house plants and flowers. Make it look like your house is alive and filled with clean air. Beautiful shiny house plants are less than $20 and give potential buyers the illusion of a healthy environment.

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▶ Interior designer Jennifer Reid, her contractor husband Chad Kulchyski, and their children star in the new docu-series Making House, a show which sees them gutting, renovating and designing their house while running their own businesses and living in a cramped apartment with their growing family.

From the frying pan into the fire

Making House captures Toronto family's highs and lows during massive home reno Airs Tuesdays

As if renovating and designing your entire house on your own isn't enough.

Toronto interior designer Jennifer Reid and her contractor husband, Chad Kulchyski, did just that last year while also running two businesses, preparing for the arrival of a fourth baby and living in a cramped apartment with their three young children and a dog.

Oh, and they let cameras follow them throughout the journey for the new series, Making House.

So, do they have any advice for families who want to make a similar move?

"One word: don't," Kulchyski said with a laugh in a recent interview in their newly renovated digs.

"Honestly, take your timeline, add a couple of weeks, take your budget, add 10 per cent, because it is going to take you longer than you thought and you are going to be over budget," noted Reid.

"And you might also want to book regular appointments with a psychologist," added Kulchyski. "Just a weekly appointment, just to make sure everything is OK."

Airing Tuesdays on W Network (at 8 p.m. ET), the 13-part docu series follows the couple as they move their growing family into a small rental space so they can gut, renovate and design their wartime house in uptown Toronto.

Their goal is to build an addition on the back of the house, make the kitchen and basement bigger, and add an ensuite bathroom on the second floor as well as a large master bedroom — all in four months before the baby comes.

Reid, a former radio and TV journalist, and Kulchyski had renovated 10 homes of their own before.

They'd also watched their own clients live through the headache of renos.

Still, they weren't prepared for the toll this experience would take on them, and at one point early in the season, Kulchyski is caught crying on camera.

"I hit a bit of a wall there," he said. "I was in tears.... I just kind of broke down. At that point in our lives, I'd just had enough and I just let go a little bit."

"We knew that it would be hard," said Reid. "But I don't think you ever know how hard until you're in it and you are living in a two-bedroom apartment and the house is behind schedule and we're both trying to run our own businesses, manage the kids and activities and some sense of normalcy."

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Expert search

How the show came about

TV The series came about after Reid had won the W Network Experts Search in April of last year. The prize was a TV development deal and Reid said she came up with the concept for the series, thinking their "real lives seemed so crazy that maybe people might like to watch it."

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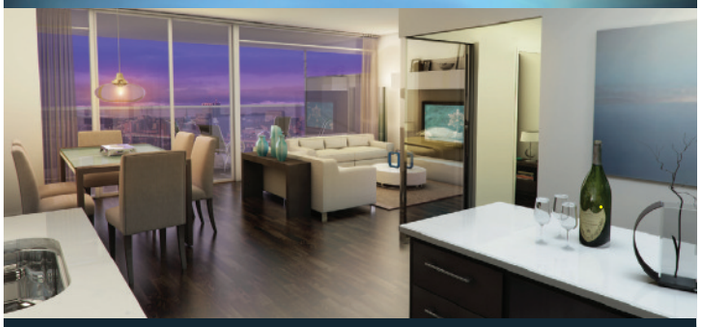

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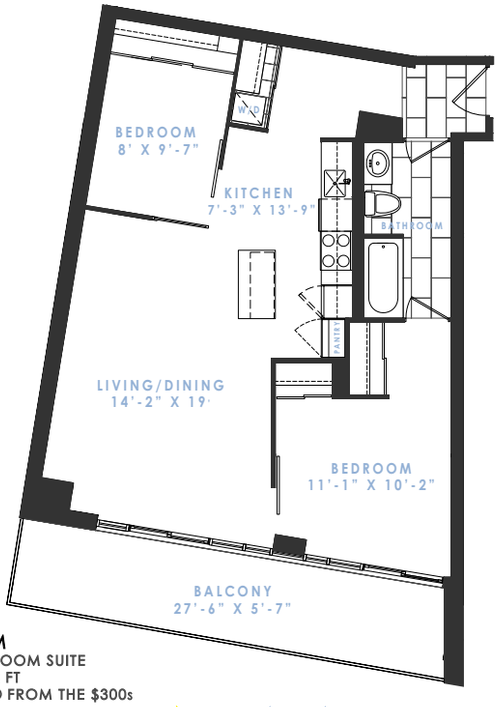

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Function key in cottage design

Interior designer Karen Sealy offers advice on making your summer home work for you and your family

Karen Sealy can sympathize with cottage owners faced with the challenge of sprucing up their home away from home.

The interior designer had a sentimental attachment to Lake Simcoe, north of Toronto, recalling time spent growing up sailing on the waters. But her current cosy getaway spot was hardly idyllic when she first saw it.

"It was a falling down little log cabin," Sealy said in a phone interview from her refurbished cottage, remembering a time when the place had carpenter ants and rotting logs.

"I always say anyone can make a pretty room but if it's not functional it's missed its mark."
KAREN SEALY

"It was on the market two years, didn't even have a lockbox on it. 'Wander through at will' was how bad this place was."

But Sealy said the location fit the bill for reasons beyond the sentimental. It wasn't too distant a commute from the city, was a nice lot on a sandy bay and family-friendly.

To replace the rotting logs, she removed good ones from her kitchen and put up plywood that would be covered anyway by hanging cabinets and backsplash. She made other changes to customize the cabin, from bringing in an integrated washer/dryer to moving walls to better make use of the space.

As host of the new HGTV series Summer Home, she's bringing her insights and experience to help other cottage owners revamp their space to better suit their evolving needs.

Regardless of whether it's a cottage, condo or mansion, the rules of design are the same — looking at why changes are being made and what needs fixing, Sealy said.

Once people have planned what they want to do, Sealy said it's just a matter of implementing the changes needed within the confines of their budgets.

"I think most people will tell you that their cottage is a pretty special place," she said. "Given that, I think it's OK to spend money on some renovations because they are so special to us."

"When we do get here, we really do love the time up here, so you might as well let them function for you."
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Cosy retreats

Sealy said people tend to be more emotionally connected to their cottage or summer homes.

- **Cottage dwellers** tend to talk about passing their property along to other family members, and they see it as a respite from everyday life.
- **Summer home owners** want the feeling of a cottage but the conveniences of a home, says Sealy.

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▶ Cottage expert: Interior designer Karen Sealy hosts HGTV's Summer Home, which debuts Sunday at 9 p.m. ET.

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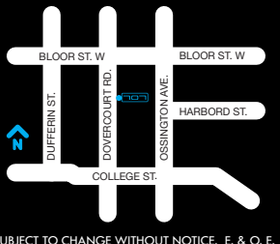

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Eating outdoors in style

HGTV host Jamie Durie gives Metro readers some tips on dining alfresco Garnish your meal with fresh herbs from the garden and sit down on eco-friendly furniture

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Jamie Durie's new book, The Outdoor Room, argues for a more thoughtful approach to outside spaces.

Metro caught up with the horticulturalist and HGTV host for some tips.

Have a plan

Before you start, know what you want. Even the tiniest outdoor space has fine-dining potential — if that's what you're looking for.

"The best place to start is to ask yourself what you want to do in your outdoor room," says Durie.

"Will you be entertaining or relaxing — or both? Do you need a formal dining setting, or will a casual modular lounge be more appropriate?"

Say no to plastic

Even if you're just looking for a place to eat burgers, flimsy plastic chairs are mood-killers.

Durie recommends wood furniture for its sophisticated look and eco-friendliness: "It works in with any style [and] is soft to the touch; and the natural grain is hard to top. Timber does need to be oiled a couple of times a year to protect and extend the life of the product."

Put your garden to work

Blooms are always nice, but remember to include some functional greenery near your grill.

"Think about installing a vertical garden wall close by, planted with assorted herbs," Durie says.

"While you cook, you can just reach out and pluck fresh herbs straight out of the garden to toss on the sizzling food or use as ultra-fresh garnishes for serving."

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▶ A little planning can help you create the perfect 'outdoor room' for fine dining on warm summer nights.

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▶ Before you dig in, make sure you do the research.

Do-it-yourselfers should be cautious

Look out below: More than weed seed may be lying beneath your lawn and garden U.S. fines can be huge

Gardeners and enthusiasts are making the sparks fly, and utilities want them to stop.

Residential customers have been blamed for most of the damage done each year to buried gas and electrical lines in the United States, something that could have been prevented by phoning ahead for the lines' locations, officials say.

"About 70,000 incidents were reported in 2009 where people didn't call ... before they did any digging," said Bob Kipp, president of Common Ground Alliance, an industry-backed damage prevention group. "Somewhere between 40,000 to 50,000 of those were caused by homeowners — people trying to put in a new fence, patio, maybe some shrubs or a mailbox."

In the U.S., a nationwide 811 line alerts utilities about proposed construction projects. They can respond by sending crews to locate and mark the service lines.

In Canada, the various utilities also urge customers to call before they dig.

Billions of metres of gas, electric, water, sewer and communications lines are routed underground in the United States. At least half of all homeowners planning to dig on their property this year will do so without knowing where those potentially dangerous corridors run, according to a recent CGA survey.

In this case, what you don't know definitely can hurt you.

Take the case of the Muskegon, Mich., man who ruptured a gas line in April while uprooting a tree stump from his yard.

"The homeowner called in the leak while standing nearby using his cellphone," said Maureen McCaffrey, an operations analyst with DTE Energy Co. in Detroit. "That could have sparked a fire or explosion with static electricity. The tab for that incident was just over $1,600."

Every state has a one-call law, requiring that you check with a utility before doing any digging.

"The rules are similar, although enforcement varies dramatically state to state," Kipp said.

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Pan Seared Beef Bavette

Bistros are well known known for serving up fancy foods at affordable prices.

Bring the bistro home with this pan-seared steak featuring bottom sirloin. It tastes like a million bucks but won't break the bank.

Pan searing is a technique that's perfect for last-minute entertaining, requiring little effort and time to prepare and cook.

Preparation:

1. Season the steaks all over with five spice powder, salt and pepper.
2. In a large stainless-steel or cast-iron skillet, heat the butter and oil over medium-high heat.
2. Add the steaks. Sear and cook the meat until it is golden brown and medium-rare, 3 to 6 minutes per side.
3. Return the skillet to medium-high heat. Add the broth, maple syrup and chili-garlic sauce; bring it to a boil, scraping up any browned bits from the bottom of pan.
4. Meanwhile, in a small bowl or cup, mix cornstarch with 10 ml (2 tsp) water; whisk into sauce and cook until thickened, about 2 minutes. Stir in green onions. Serve drizzled over steaks.

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Ingredients:

- 750 g (1 1/2 lb) beef bottom sirloin steaks
- 3 ml (3/4 tsp) Chinese five spice powder
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 10 ml (2 tsp) each butter and vegetable oil
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) sodium-reduced chicken broth
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) maple syrup
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) Asian chili-garlic sauce
- 5 ml (1 tsp) cornstarch
- 2 green onions, thinly sliced

Forget the side dish!

Skip the fatty carbs ◗ This Summer Salad and Pan Seared Beef Bavette make a filling meal on their own

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▶ This salad pops with a spicy jalapeno-yogurt dressing.

For Michael Symon, great salads go far beyond a pile of greens.

"For me, a great salad ... should be something that highlights the season and the vegetables that are at their peak at that time," says Symon, an award-winning restaurateur and Food Network Iron Chef.

Symon — who also favours sharply acidic dressings — relies on salads to play a specific role in his cooking.

"I tend to cook with a lot of fattier proteins so I like to serve them topped with or accompanied by a salad, as opposed to a heavier starch," he said.

Symon offers this simple summer salad."I know I'm going to be grilling a lot, so I want to create a salad that goes great with a piece of grilled meat."

Preparation:

1. Dressing: In bowl, combine garlic, jalapeno, yogurt and vinegar. Whisk in olive oil, stir in mint and parsley. Set aside.
2. In large bowl, combine arugula, tomatoes, cucumber, scallions, almonds and faro. Drizzle with dressing, toss.

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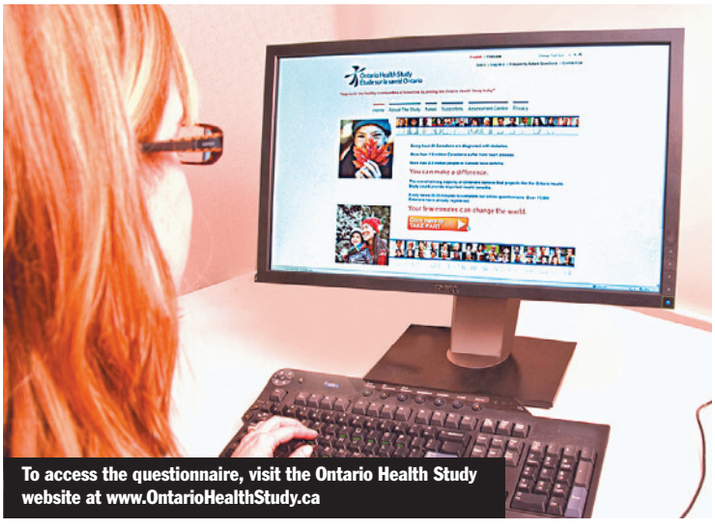
Ingredients:

Dressing

- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 jalapeno pepper, minced (remove seeds first for less heat)
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) plain Greek-style yogurt
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) red wine vinegar
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) extra-virgin olive oil
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) chopped fresh mint
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley

Salad

- 500 ml (2 cups) arugula
- 500 g (1 lb) assorted heirloom tomatoes, sliced into 5-mm (1/4-inch) rounds
- 250 ml (1 cup) diced cucumber
- 4 scallions, grilled and cut into 2.5-cm (1-inch) pieces
- 250 ml (1 cup) marcona almonds, roughly chopped
- 500 ml (2 cups) cooked faro (a grain sold alongside the rice and couscous)



To access the questionnaire, visit the Ontario Health Study website at www.OntarioHealthStudy.ca

WHAT IS THE ONTARIO HEALTH STUDY?

ONTARIO HEALTH STUDY AIMS TO IMPROVE PROVINCIAL—AND GLOBAL—HEALTH

The statistics are grim: Every hour, 20 Canadians are diagnosed with diabetes. More than 1.6 million Canadians suffer from heart disease. And more than 2.5 million Canadians have asthma.

The good news for Ontarians is that there has never been an easier way to make a difference in your health—and the health of your loved ones and future generations—thanks to the groundbreaking Ontario Health Study.

Ontario residents 18 years and older can take part by spending 20 to 30 minutes filling out an online health questionnaire. There will be follow-up questionnaires on areas such as diet and physical activity that participants may also want to complete.

With an annual commitment of about 30 minutes participating in health research has never been so easy.

"By examining factors associated with both disease and health over an extended period of time, researchers will be armed with data to help them uncover common risk factors that lead to a variety of diseases," says Professor Lyle Palmer, Executive Scientific Director, Ontario Health Study. The information will help researchers in Ontario and around the world develop strategies to prevent and treat diseases such as cancer, diabetes, heart disease, Alzheimer's and depression.

You may want to know: "Will the information I provide really make a difference?" In fact, population-based health research similar to the Ontario Health Study has led to many important discoveries in the past. For example, the Framingham Heart Study in the United States, which began in 1948 and is ongoing, led to the discovery that cigarette smoking is linked to an increased risk of heart disease.

The OHS, because of its online format, will allow unique opportunities for health-related information to be given back to participants.

"The scope of the Ontario Health Study, with its goal of studying millions of Ontarians over several decades, has potentially staggering implications for health research," says Palmer. To date, over 30,000 Ontarians enrolled in the Study.

The Ontario Health Study is funded by the Ontario Institute for Cancer Research, Cancer Care Ontario, the Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion, and the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer. For more information or to fill out the questionnaire, visit www.OntarioHealthStudy.ca

by Jane Doucet

WHO IS RUNNING THE ONTARIO HEALTH STUDY?

ONTARIO HEALTH STUDY RESEARCH TEAM IS "CREAM OF THE CROP"

The Ontario Health Study is a long-term research study being conducted by more than 200 senior scientists and clinicians at universities, hospitals and research institutes across Ontario. "They are the cream of the crop in their respective fields," says Professor Lyle Palmer, Executive Scientific Director, Ontario Health Study. "Some of them contacted us directly after they heard about the Study, some we approached ourselves."

The team of 200 comprises 30 scientific working groups, deciding what to study and what questions to include in the online health questionnaire. They will also be involved in running an assessment centre, which is scheduled to open in downtown Toronto sometime this fall. 100,000 participants who have completed the online questionnaire will be invited to the centre to undergo more extensive physical testing, such as blood, urine, vision, hearing, heart, lung, and memory testing.

"Although the Ontario Health Study isn't meant to replace routine medical care, our assessment will be more extensive than the testing most people receive from their family physician," says Palmer. Any results deemed abnormal will be flagged, and participants will be advised to follow up directly with their family doctor.

Phase 1 of the Ontario Health Study examined questionnaire information submitted by more than 8,000 volunteers 18 years of age or older in the diverse communities of Mississauga, Owen Sound and Sudbury. The long-term study aims to arm researchers with information that will help develop strategies to prevent and treat various diseases. It's also one of the first long-term studies of any magnitude that includes questions about sexuality, gender identity and intersexuality.

"The Ontario Health Study is an exciting opportunity to conduct big-vision science that will improve the future health of people in Ontario and around the world," says Palmer. For more information or to fill out the questionnaire, visit www.OntarioHealthStudy.ca

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PRIVACY PROTECTION The Ontario Health Study has put into place stringent privacy practices to protect the information of all participants and to establish how each volunteer's data will be collected, who will be able to see it and how the information will be used. "Safeguarding your privacy is our top priority," says Professor Lyle Palmer, Executive Scientific Director, Ontario Health Study. Researchers who have received approval for a particular study may wish to collect additional information from participants. In such cases, participants will be contacted directly by the Ontario Health Study about those requests. To learn more about the Ontario Health Study's privacy practices and policies, visit www.OntarioHealthStudy.ca and click on Privacy.

Canucks humbled in Boston

Rejuvenated Bruins dominate at home to even Stanley Cup final 2-2

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The Vancouver Canucks are heading home in search of answers after letting the Boston Bruins back in the Stanley Cup final.

Tim Thomas was unbeatable and Rich Peverley scored twice last night as the Bruins steamrolled Vancouver 4-0, making the NHL's best regular-season team look ordinary for the second straight game and tying the series 2-2.

Boston outscored the Canucks 12-1 in the two games at hostile TD Garden. Alain Vigneault removed starter Roberto Luongo after he surrendered four goals on 20 shots in Game 4 and will again face questions of whether Luongo or backup Cory Schneider will start Game 5 at Rogers Arena tomorrow.

It's far from the only question hovering over the team.

A once-potent power play has disappeared as Vancouver failed to convert on six opportunities and sits at just 1-for-22 in the series.

The team's star players have yet to make much of an impact in the series. Ryan Kesler, who generated Conn Smythe talk heading into the series, has just one assist in four games — which is one more than captain Henrik Sedin.

"We've got to solve Thomas, that's the thing," Sedin said.

The Bruins have been getting contributions throughout their lineup with goals from Michael Ryder and Brad Marchand to go with the pair scored by Peverley.

Thomas has been the best player in black and yellow, allowing just five goals on 146 shots in the series. He made another 38 saves in Game 4.

"Anyone who knows the story of Tim Thomas, he's taken a real bumpy road to get to the NHL" said Bruins coach Claude Julien. "He's had so many obstacles to overcome. It makes him a battler, it makes him the perfect goaltender for our organization."

With Prime Minister Stephen Harper watching from the stands, the Canucks were undone by a poor second period for the second straight game. Goals 2:18 apart by Ryder and Marchand just past the midway point of the game gave Boston a 3-0 lead and elicited derisive chants of "Luuuuongo" from the TD Garden crowd.

During the series, Vancouver has been outscored 8-0 in the middle period.

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▶ The Bruins celebrate a goal on Canucks goalie Roberto Luongo last night.

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Sports in brief

Adam Lind hit a grand slam and Jayson Nix added a three-run homer to power the Toronto Blue Jays to a 9-8 victory over the Kansas City Royals last night. Jays starter Carlos Villanueva (4-0) had one rough inning — the fourth when he allowed four runs — but he went on to pitch seven innings, allowing six hits.

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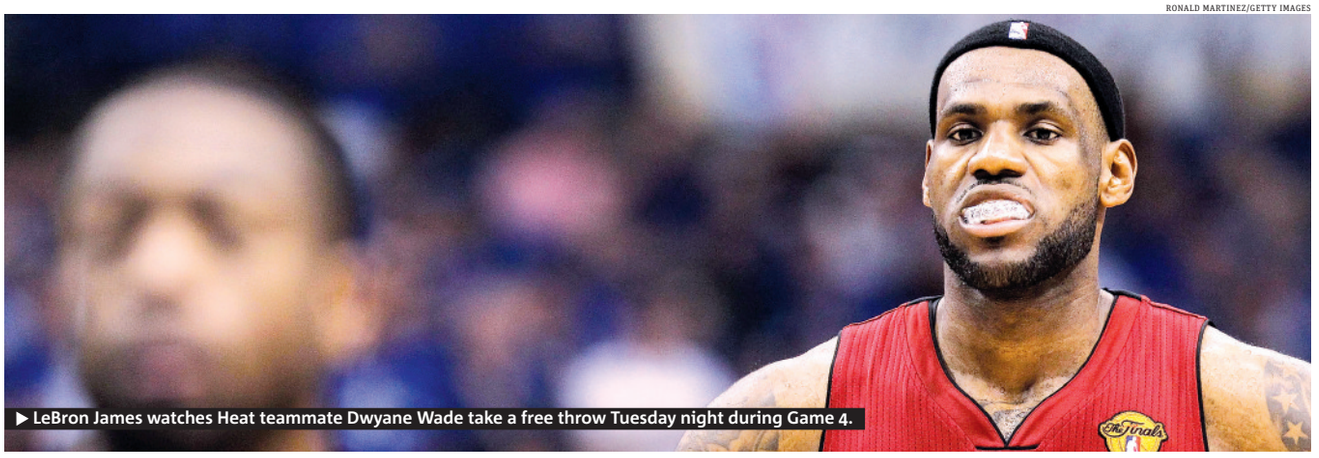

▶ LeBron James watches Heat teammate Dwyane Wade take a free throw Tuesday night during Game 4.

LeBron slips into finals background

James' eight-point Game 4 more than 20 below career playoff average

The NBA final between Miami and Dallas is a best-of-three series now, and LeBron James is coming off the worst scoring night of his professional playoff career.

No better time than now for a turnaround, the Heat forward said.

"I think it's that time," James said. "I think it's that time that I try to get myself going individually."

Said Heat guard Dwyane Wade: "Sounds good to me."

James' words surely sound good to the rest of the Heat, too. Game 5 of the NBA final is tonight in Dallas, the Heat and Mavericks tied at two games apiece, and all eyes — more than usual, if that's possible — will see how James bounces back from a stunning Game 4 statline.

He was held to eight points on 3-for-11 shooting in Miami's 86-83 loss.

So far in the final, he has nine points in the fourth quarter. To put that in perspective, Dirk Nowitzki had 10 in the final quarter of Game 4 alone.

"I didn't play well, especially offensively. I know that," James said. "I've got to do a better job of helping this team win basketball games, especially late, no matter what it is. If that's getting an offensive rebound, like I said, making a couple of baskets, being more aggressive to give my guys opportunities to get open looks I have to do that — that's what my job is. That's what I'm here for."

Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said Miami will make some adjustments to help James' offensive flow in Game 5.

The Mavericks may be providing James with some help as well.

On the eve of Game 5, Dallas guard DeShawn Stevenson directed some sharp words toward James, saying he "checked out" in the final minutes of Game 4 Tuesday night.

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Statistical stalemate

After Game 4, some of the statistical similarities between the Heat and Mavs teams are absurd.

- **Points:** Miami is averaging 89, Dallas 87.8.
- **Rebounds:** Dallas is averaging 40, Miami 39.
- **Field-goal %:** Miami 42.8, Dallas 41.4.
- **Three-point %:** Miami 34.5, Dallas 34.2.

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NHL

New GM brings high standards to Winnipeg

It was a poorly kept secret but yesterday it became official — Kevin Cheveldayoff is leaving the Chicago Blackhawks to become general manager of Winnipeg's as-yet unnamed NHL team.

"Growing up on the Prairies I played my hockey just a little way down the road in Brandon," the native of Blaine Lake, Sask., said at his first news conference after signing a five-year deal with the team.

"(Winnipeg's GM) was a natural fit for me. It was almost too good to be true."

Cheveldayoff worked his way up in the Chicago organization to the position of assistant general manager and thanked his former bosses for letting him take the next step.

True North Entertainment and Sports, which bought the former Atlanta Thrashers and is moving the team to Winnipeg, announced on the weekend that it would not be keeping Rick Dudley as GM. But even before that, Cheveldayoff's name was being kicked around in the local media.

Yesterday, he talked about what he knows he has to do. For example, one of the first phone calls he plans to make will be to Atlanta Thrashers captain Andrew Ladd.

"Andrew and I have a pretty good relationship based on the year that we spent together in the Blackhawk organization," he said.

"He is a big, big piece of this franchise moving forward and we'd like to discuss things sooner rather than later."

The left-winger played in Chicago before he was traded to Atlanta last year. He led Atlanta in scoring and is set to become a restricted free agent this summer.

Cheveldayoff and assistant GM Craig Heisinger know they have a lot of work to do.

"We're going to set the bar very, very high and we're going to push people very hard," said Cheveldayoff.

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Stampeders go high-tech on head hits

The Calgary Stampeders are delving into the mystery of concussions with a high-tech helmet.

The inner crown of the headgear is ringed by sensors that measure the number of hits to the head a player takes, what part of the head is contacted and the force of the impact.

Stampeders medical director Pat Clayton then takes the helmet to his office and a scanner reads the data and computer softwear graphs a chart for him.

"The number of hits these guys take in any given game is very high," Clayton said yesterday. "Offensive linemen average out between 86 and 92. That's a lot of hits to the head.

"Do they result in concussions? Not necessarily, but if they do we'll be able to find out why, where, how much speed was involved in that and how much impact was involved."

This is the fourth season the Stamps have collected information from the IQ Hit helmet and they were the first team in the CFL to do so. Calgary has eight of them now and they cost about $1,000 each, compared to $300 for a standard helmet. Other teams in the CFL are now using the helmets, Clayton said.

Clayton isn't sure how the information may help concussion prevention yet, because he is still gathering data. But it can help pinpoint the type of contact that causes concussions.

"Is there a relationship between where that hit is and a concussion result? That's what we're looking for," he said.

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▶ Stampeder Joffrey Reynolds at CFL camp.

Raonic moves on in Germany

Next up: Petzschner on his home turf in quarter-finals

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▶ Milos Raonic

Canada's Milos Raonic is off to the quarter-finals at the Gerry Weber Open.

The eighth-seeded 20-year-old from Thornhill defeated Germany's Tobias Kamke 7-6 (2), 6-3 to advance yesterday.

Raonic will take on Philipp Petzschner in the next round after the German got past Spain's Daniel Gimeno-Traver 6-2, 6-4.

Meanwhile, Wimbledon finalist Tomas Berdych beat Jan Hernych 6-3, 7-6 (7) to also reach the quarters.

The seventh-ranked Berdych broke twice in the first set and closed out the second-round match against his fellow Czech on his fourth match point at the grass-court tournament.

On Tuesday, Berdych saved three match points before beating Belgian qualifier Ruben Bemelmans.

"(Losing on match point) is maybe the one thing that I'm not happy with today. But it was I would say much more solid game than yesterday," said Berdych, the 2007 champion. "Missing two serves on match points, you just have to think about it after the match. But I got back into it and was mentally strong."

Berdych will play the 12th-ranked Viktor Troicki, who dismissed Igor Andreev of Russia 6-3, 6-1. The Serb needed just 53 minutes to complete the victory, breaking five times and losing just five points on his first serve.

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Not including last night's game

HOCKEY

AHL PLAYOFFS

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CALDER CUP FINAL

(Best-of-7 series)
HOUSTON VS. BINGHAMTON
(Binghampton wins series 4-2)
Tuesday's result
Binghamton 3 Houston 2

NBA

FINALS

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(Best-of-7 series)
MIAMI VS. DALLAS
(Series tied at 2-2)
Tuesday's result
Dallas 86 Miami 83
Tonight's game
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LATE TUESDAY

MAVS 86, HEAT 83

MIAMI (83)
James 3-11 2-4 8, Bosh 9-19 6-8 24, Anthony 2-6 0-0 4, Bibby 0-1 0-0 0, Wade 13-20 6-9 32, Chalmers 1-5 3-3 5, Haslem 2-5 0-0 4, Miller 2-8 0-0 6, Howard 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 32-75 17-24 83.
DALLAS (86)
Marion 7-12 2-2 16, Nowitzki 6-19 9-10 21, Chandler 4-7 5-8 13, Barea 3-9 2-2 8, Kidd 0-3 0-0 0, Terry 6-15 4-6 17, Cardinal 0-1 0-0 0, Stevenson 3-7 2-2 11, Haywood 0-0 0-0 0, Stojakovic 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 29-73 24-30 86.

Miami	21	26	22	14	83
Dallas	21	24	20	21	86

3-Point Goals—Miami 2-14 (Miller 2-5, Bibby 0-1, Wade 0-2, James 0-3, Chalmers 0-3), Dallas 4-19 (Stevenson 3-7, Terry 1-4, Cardinal 0-1, Barea 0-2, Nowitzki 0-2, Kidd 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Miami 51 (James 9), Dallas 49 (Chandler 16). Assists—Miami 19 (James 7), Dallas 13 (Barea 4). Total Fouls—Miami 23, Dallas 18. Technicals—Dallas Coach Carlisle. A—20,430 (19,200).

SCORING AVERAGE

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Durant, OKC	17	155	140	487	28.6
Nowitzki, DAL	19	174	163	532	28.0
Rose, CHI	16	149	111	434	27.1
Howard, ORL	6	51	60	162	27.0
Anthony, NYK	4	33	29	104	26.0
Wade, MIA	19	169	124	475	25.0
James, MIA	19	157	117	459	24.2
Westbrook, OKC	17	135	121	405	23.8

RUBGY

2011 CHURCHILL CUP

Yesterday's result
At Moseley, England
U.S. vs. Tonga
Canada vs. Russia
Sunday's games
At Gloucester, England
Tonga vs. England, 9:30 a.m.
Russia vs. Italy, 12 noon

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

LATE TUESDAY

BLUE JAYS 8, ROYALS 5

Toronto	ab	r	h	bi	Kansas City	ab	r	h	bi
YEscor ss	2	1	1	0	AGordn lf	4	1	1	0
McCoy ss	3	1	1	1	MeCarr cf	5	1	2	1
CPttrsn lf	4	0	0	0	Hosmer 1b	4	2	2	0
Bautist rf	2	1	1	0	Francr rf	5	0	2	3
Lind 1b	3	2	1	3	Butler dh	4	0	1	1
Arencii c	4	1	1	2	Aviles 3b	4	0	0	0
A.Hill 2b	4	0	1	0	Getz 2b	4	0	1	0
Encrnc dh	3	1	1	0	Treanr c	2	1	0	0
RDavis cf	3	0	0	0	AEscor ss	4	0	2	0
J.Nix 3b	4	1	2	1					
Totals	**32**	**8**	**9**	**7**	**Totals**	**36**	**5**	**11**	**5**

Toronto	310	020	020	8
Kansas City	101	021	000	5

E—Treanor (3), Me.Cabrera (2). DP—Toronto 1. LOB—Toronto 3, Kansas City 8. 2B—McCoy (2), Encarnacion (15), J.Nix (5), Getz (5). HR—Lind (10), Arencibia (10). SB—Y.Escobar (2), A.Escobar (7). CS—R.Davis (8). S—C.Patterson, R.Davis. SF—Lind.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Toronto						
Drabek W,4-4	5 1-3	9	5	5	3	0
L.Perez H,1	2 2-3	2	0	0	1	4
Rauch S,7-9	1	0	0	0	0	0
Kansas City						
Mazzaro L,0-1	5	8	6	6	1	3
L.Coleman	1 2-3	0	0	0	0	2
Collins	1	1	2	2	2	1
Bl.Wood	1 1-3	0	0	0	0	0

Mazzaro pitched to 1 batter in the 6th.
WP—Drabek 4.
T—2:55. A—16,539 (37,903) at Kansas City, Mo.

ACTIVITY

BASEBALL

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Placed RHP Jake Peavy on the 15-day DL, retroactive to June 6. Recalled RHP Lucas Harrell from Charlotte (IL).
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Called up INF Cord Phelps from Columbus (IL). Optioned OF Shelley Duncan to Columbus. Transferred RHP Alex White to the 60-day DL.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS — Signed RHP Travis Minix.
KANSAS CITY T-BONES — Signed C John Bowden.
SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CAPTAINS — Signed LHP Joel Kirsten.

HOCKEY

NHL

PITTSBURGH PENGUINS — Named Bill Guerin player development coach.
WINNIPEG — Named Kevin Cheveldayoff executive vice president and general manager and Craig Heisinger senior vice president, director of hockey operations and assistant general manager.

SOCCER

MLS

NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION — Waived M Michael Augustine.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	33	25	.569	—
Boston	34	26	.567	—
Tampa Bay	32	29	.525	2½
Toronto	31	30	.508	3½
Baltimore	29	31	.483	5

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	34	26	.567	—
Detroit	33	27	.550	1
Chicago	30	33	.476	5½
Kansas City	26	35	.426	8½
Minnesota	23	38	.377	11½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	34	28	.548	—
Seattle	31	30	.508	2½
Los Angeles	30	33	.476	4½
Oakland	27	36	.429	7½

Yesterday's results
Minnesota 3 Cleveland 2 (10 inn.)
Boston at N.Y. Yankees
Baltimore 3 Oakland 2
Detroit at Texas
Seattle at Chicago White Sox
Toronto at Kansas City
Tampa Bay at L.A. Angels
Tuesday's results
Boston 6 N.Y. Yankees 4
Cleveland 1 Minnesota 0
Baltimore 4 Oakland 0
Detroit 8 Texas 1
Chicago White Sox 5 Seattle 1
Toronto 8 Kansas City 5
Tampa Bay 4 L.A. Angels 1
Today;s games
Toronto (R.Romero 5-5) at Kansas City (Hochevar 3-6), 4:10 p.m.
Boston (Beckett 4-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 7-3), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Fister 3-6) at Detroit (Verlander 6-3), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Cahill 6-3) at Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 5-4), 8:10 p.m.
Texas (D.Holland 5-1) at Minnesota (Blackburn 5-4), 8:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	37	25	.597	—
Atlanta	34	28	.548	3
Florida	31	29	.517	5
New York	29	31	.483	7
Washington	27	35	.435	10

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	37	25	.597	—
Milwaukee	34	27	.557	2½
Cincinnati	32	31	.508	5½
Pittsburgh	29	30	.492	6½
Chicago	24	36	.400	12
Houston	23	38	.377	13½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	35	27	.565	—
Arizona	33	28	.541	1½
Colorado	29	32	.475	5½
Los Angeles	29	34	.460	6½
San Diego	28	35	.444	7½

Yesterday's results
Chicago Cubs 4 Cincinnati 1
San Francisco 3 Washington 1
Colorado 5 San Diego 3
Arizona at Pittsburgh
Philadelphia 2 L.A. Dodgers 0
Atlanta 3 Florida 2 (10 inn.)
St. Louis at Houston
N.Y. Mets at Milwaukee
Tuesday's results
Pittsburgh 8 Arizona 5
L.A. Dodgers 6 Philadelphia 2
Atlanta 1 Florida 0
Cincinnati 8 Chicago Cubs 2
St. Louis 7 Houston 4
N.Y. Mets 2 Milwaukee 1
San Diego 2 Colorado 0
Washington 2 San Francisco 1
Tonight's games
Arizona (Collmenter 4-1) at Pittsburgh (Karstens 3-4), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (R.Wells 1-1) at Philadelphia (K.Kendrick 3-4), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Jurrjens 7-2) at Florida (Volstad 2-5), 7:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Lynn 0-1) at Houston (Happ 3-7), 8:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Niese 4-5) at Milwaukee (Gallardo 8-2), 8:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 6-3) at Colorado (Chacin 6-4), 8:40 p.m.
Washington (L.Hernandez 3-7) at San Diego (Harang 6-2), 10:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Cueto 2-2) at San Francisco (Bumgarner 2-7), 10:15 p.m.

LEAGUE LEADERS

	G	AB	R	H	Avg.
Bautista Tor	53	187	48	65	.348
Joyce TB	58	191	36	65	.340
AdGonzalez Bos	60	247	40	84	.340
Ortiz Bos	58	216	35	70	.324
Konerko CWS	60	223	29	71	.318
MiCabrera Det	60	211	45	67	.318
JhPeralta Det	53	188	24	59	.314
MiYoung Tex	61	241	25	75	.311
Kubel Min	52	200	20	62	.310
Moreland Tex	56	184	29	57	.310

HITS - AdGonzalez, Boston, 84; ACabrera, Cleveland, 75; MiYoung, Texas, 75; EIlsbury, Boston, 72; Konerko, Chicago, 71; Ortiz, Boston, 70; AlRamirez, Chicago, 70.
SAVES - League, Seattle, 16; MaRivera, New York, 16; CPerez, Cleveland, 15; Valverde, Detroit, 15; Feliz, Texas, 13; Walden, Los Angeles, 13; Farnsworth, Tampa Bay, 12; Papelbon, Boston, 12.
Not including yesterday's games

LEAGUE LEADERS

	G	AB	R	H	Avg.
JosReyes NYM	57	248	41	84	.339
Votto Cin	61	220	43	74	.336
Berkman StL	52	170	36	56	.329
Ethier LAD	61	216	29	70	.324
Kemp LAD	62	228	40	73	.320
YMolina StL	54	188	21	60	.319
Wallace Hou	60	195	24	62	.318
Polanco Phi	60	238	29	75	.315
Pence Hou	61	252	28	79	.313
GSanchez Fla	59	228	32	71	.311

HITS-JosReyes, New York, 84; Pence, Houston, 79; SCastro, Chicago, 75; Polanco, Philadelphia, 75; Votto, Cincinnati, 74; Kemp, Los Angeles, 73; Prado, Atlanta, 71; GSanchez, Florida, 71.
SAVES-LNunez, Florida, 19; Kimbrel, Atlanta, 18; Putz, Arizona, 17; FrRodriguez, New York, 17; BrWilson, San Francisco, 17; HBell, San Diego, 17; Axford, Milwaukee, 16; Street, Colorado, 16.
Not including yesterday's games

SOCCER

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Philadelphia	12	6	3	3	15	10	21
New York	12	4	2	6	17	10	18
D.C. United	12	4	4	4	16	20	16
Columbus	12	3	3	6	12	14	15
Houston	14	3	5	6	17	17	15
New England	13	3	6	4	10	16	13
Toronto	14	2	5	7	13	23	13
Chicago	12	1	4	7	15	19	10
Kansas City	10	1	6	3	12	19	6

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Los Angeles	16	8	2	6	20	12	30
Dallas	14	7	3	4	17	12	25
Seattle	15	5	4	6	16	13	21
Real Salt Lake	10	6	2	2	12	4	20
Colorado	13	4	3	6	14	12	18
Portland	12	5	5	2	15	18	17
Chivas USA	13	4	4	5	16	14	17
San Jose	11	3	4	4	14	13	13
Vancouver	14	1	6	7	14	20	10

Note: Three points for a win, one for a tie.
Last night's result
Real Salt Lake at Columbus
Tonight's game
Chicago at Kansas City, 10 p.m.
Tomorrow's game
New England at New York, 8:30 p.m.
Saturday's games
Real Salt Lake at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.
San Jose at D.C. United, 7:30 p.m.
Chivas USA at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Colorado at Portland, 10:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Seattle, 10:30 p.m.
Toronto at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday's games
Chicago at Columbus, 4 p.m.
Kansas City at Dallas, 7 p.m.

2011 CONCACAF GOLD CUP

All Times ET
Group A

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Costa Rica	1	1	0	0	5	0	3
Mexico	1	1	0	0	5	0	3
Cuba	1	0	1	0	0	5	0
El Salvador	1	0	1	0	0	5	0

Group B

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Jamaica	1	1	0	0	4	0	3
Honduras	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
Guatemala	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
Grenada	1	0	1	0	0	4	0

Group C

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
United States	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Panama	1	1	0	0	3	2	3
Guadeloupe	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
Canada	**1**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**2**	**0**

Note: Three points for a win, one for tie.
Tuesday's results
At Detroit
Panama 3 Guadeloupe 2
United States 2 **Canada 0**
Tonight's games
At Charlotte, N.C.
Costa Rica vs. El Salvador, 7 p.m.
Cuba vs. Mexico, 9 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
At Miami
Jamaica vs. Guatemala, 7 p.m.
Grenada vs. Honduras, 9 p.m.
Saturday's games
At Tampa, Fla.
Canada vs. Guadeloupe, 6 p.m.
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Paralyzed players get big-league surprise

Texas Rangers, Houston Astros take recently injured athletes in late rounds of Major League Baseball draft

Johnathan Taylor and Buddy Lamothe may never play baseball again after accidents left them partially paralyzed.

That didn't matter to the teams that picked them yesterday during the final rounds of the Major League Baseball draft.

Taylor, an outfielder from the University of Georgia, was a 33rd-round pick of the Texas Rangers, while Lamothe, a reliever from San Jacinto College, was the Houston Astros' 40th-round selection.

Taylor was left paralyzed from the chest down after he broke his neck in March when he collided with teammate Zach Cone, the Rangers' supplemental-round pick Monday. Texas director of amateur scouting Kip Fagg said the team's selection of Taylor was "something we felt was right."

"We would have drafted him either way, regardless of any other circumstances involving his injury or Zach's draft status," Fagg said. "The club has always liked his passion and ability as a player."

Family ties

Three major league managers saw their sons get taken by their own teams in the later rounds of the MLB draft yesterday.

- Toronto's John Farrell (Shane, 46th round).
- Oakland's Bob Geren (Brett, in the 42nd round).
- L.A. Angels' Mike Sioscia (Matthew 45th round).
- The Blue Jays also took Jacob Wakamatsu, the son of bench coach Don Wakamatsu, in the 48th round.

Taylor hit .335 last year as a sophomore for the Bulldogs, and was hitting .182 with two RBIs in 11 games at the time of his injury.

"This was truly a classy move and a great gesture on the part of the Texas Rangers organization," Georgia coach David Perno said.

Taylor has been undergoing outpatient treatment in Atlanta.

"We're all very proud of him," said Tandra Taylor, Jonathan's mother. "It's just amazing, and when he got the call, his face lit up and we were all very excited. It was awesome news."

Cone was also thrilled the team took his injured friend.

"I was pumped up when the Rangers told me they were thinking about drafting J.T., and then I got a call saying that they had drafted him," Cone said. "I was already planning on going over to see him and now we can talk about the Rangers."

Lamothe, in his first season at San Jacinto, was injured last month in a diving accident in San Marcos, Texas. The right-hander from Lyndonville, Vt., was 0-2 with a 0.77 earned-run average and 28 strikeouts in 23⅓ innings pitched.

According to an update on a website dedicated to him, the 20-year-old is undergoing inpatient rehabilitation in Houston, with the hope he will be released for outpatient therapy in the next few weeks.

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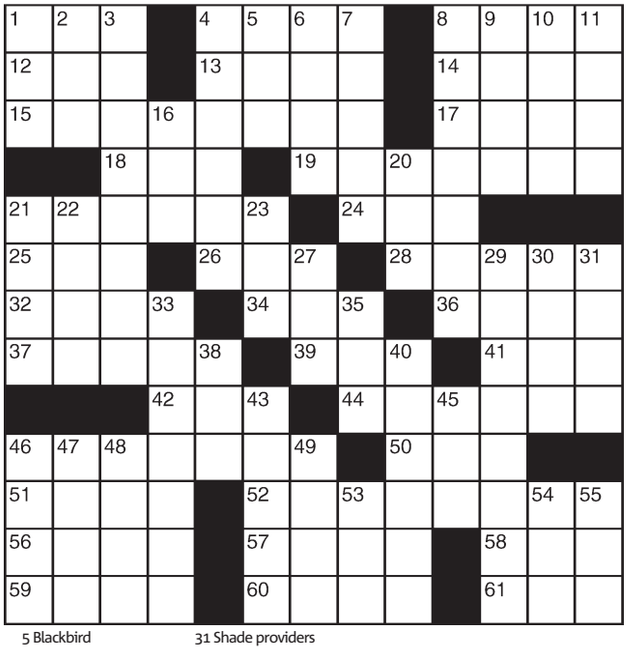

Across

1 Vacationing
4 Information
8 Barracks furniture
12 Dockworkers' org.
13 One
14 Hawaiian island
15 Wackos
17 Teensy bit
18 "— was saying, ..."
19 Burger topping
21 Vader, to Skywalker
24 Pismire
25 Spoon-bender Geller
26 Wield a needle
28 Giggly sound
32 Head Stone?
34 Party bowlful
36 Farmer's place
37 Art supporter?
39 Space
41 Aries
42 Shrill bark
44 Stirs
46 Anti-mob chemical
50 Cambridge sch.
51 Needle case
52 Disbelievers
56 Deserve
57 Withered
58 Snip
59 Dross
60 Still-life pitcher, maybe
61 Agent

Down

1 Lubricate
2 Winter ailment
3 Zealots
4 Responsibilities
5 Blackbird
6 Watch noise
7 Bewildered
8 Worked together
9 Inauguration recitation
10 Grand
11 Water pit
16 Blond shade
20 Potent stick
21 Do a slow burn
22 Met melody
23 Roulette bet
27 Peruke
29 Dogma dissenters
30 Joie de vivre
31 Shade providers
33 It dangles and jangles
35 Manhandle
38 Trail behind
40 Mollycoddle
43 Old hat
45 DIY buy
46 Fairway props
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49 Twist the facts
53 Prior to
54 Recipe measure
55 Pigpen

▶ Yesterday's answer

A	D	Z		R	E	A	D		B	O	T	H
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Sudoku

		2				9		
		5	4		6	3		
4				3				8
	5	1	2		8	7	6	
	3	4	1		9	8	5	
2				5				1
		8	9		1	4		
		3				2		

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

3	4	2	6	8	7	9	1	5
5	1	8	9	3	4	2	7	6
6	9	7	1	5	2	3	4	8
8	6	9	5	2	1	4	3	7
7	3	1	8	4	6	5	9	2
2	5	4	7	9	3	8	6	1
4	8	6	3	1	5	7	2	9
9	7	3	2	6	8	1	5	4
1	2	5	4	7	9	6	8	3

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Friday
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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 The planets are urging you to strike out in a new direction, and you know it is what you most want to do.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 If you can quiet your mind for just a few minutes, you will discover what needs to be done.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 You're popular right now. So long as you don't take liberties with loved ones, it will be a great day.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Face up to your emotional problems and sort them out once and for all.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Affairs of the heart should not be rushed. Take your time with a relationship today.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Don't let feelings get in the way of the fact that people may mislead you.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Don't go over the top and declare your undying passion for someone you may well have forgotten about by this time next week.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Money and status are important, of course, but love makes the world go 'round. It's all about balance.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Don't let anything stop you from going out and having a good time.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Spend time by yourself. Don't worry that friends might think you aren't being sociable.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Try not to condemn people just because they don't possess your intelligence and understanding of life.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. If someone tries to abuse his authority today, you must not let him get away with it. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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